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A HISTORY  
OF  
CAPTAIN ROSWELL PRESTON

OF  
HAMPTON, CONNECTICUT

His  
Ancestry and Descendants

INCLUDING ANCESTRY  
IN THE  
EATON, KNOWLTON, BUTT, RAYMOND, WITTER,  
KILLAM, HINDS  
AND  
OTHER KINDRED FAMILIES

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## EATON FAMILY ASSOCIATION.

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*To the Members of the Eaton Family:—*

An immense amount of work has already been done in getting together material for an Eaton Genealogy. There is danger that some of it will be lost (as some of it has already been lost) by the death of those now getting along in years who have spent freely and without recompense their time and energy in accumulating this material.

To prevent further loss, to preserve what we have, and to stimulate to renewed energy those now at work as well as new workers in the field, the material now at hand should be put in print. To do this properly, and to print a Genealogy worthy of the Family, equal in importance and thoroughness to the best of other works of the same kind, to prepare and print a large volume of perhaps over 500 pages, including the names of perhaps 20,000 Eatons and Eaton descendants, in an edition of 500 copies, will probably cost three thousand dollars. It is only by doing the work in this thorough way, and having it printed in first-class style by a leading publisher of such works, that a book can be sent out that will be a real contribution to New England history.

You are therefore earnestly requested to write Rev. W. H. Eaton, 700 Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass., stating what amount you are willing to pledge yourself to contribute to this work, payable when the Committee on Publication shall give you notice that the work is set up in type, and also stating what number of copies you will agree to take at \$5.00 per copy, payable upon delivery of the work. We shall be glad to have you contribute in both ways, or, if you prefer, to have you contribute only in one of these two ways. We must ask you to do this within a month. Unless enough favorable replies are received, the enterprise will be abandoned.

Will you also, within a week after the receipt of this circular, send us the *full names and addresses* of all Eatons, and all descendants of Eatons, whether of that name or some other name, you may know, and we will send them copies of this circular.

Cousins of the Eaton Family, this matter is in your hands and depends upon you. If you want this work done, say so promptly. If it is not carried through now the attempt will be abandoned. Join us in this memorial to the Eaton Family. Some of you can contribute in cash, while others are more than doing their share by contributing in hard brain work, time and energy freely, without cost and without price. Will you do your share?

BOSTON, MASS.,  
Nov. 27, 1900.

Signed { JOHN EATON, President.  
                  AMASA M. EATON,  
                  SYLVANUS HAYWARD, } Committee.  
                  W. H. EATON,



Oct 4, 1902

## Presentation of Jewels.

The reception given at Masonic Hall last night by Evangeline Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, in honor of Mrs. Fred Zeitler, was an event that will long be remembered by those present. The program was an interesting one and nice refreshments were served.

During the evening the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Kate Reynolds, on behalf of Evangeline Chapter, in a neat little speech, presented Mrs. Fred Zeitler with an elegant pin, with jewels, representing the emblem of the order. Mrs. Zeitler, who was taken by surprise, replied in a very feeling and appreciative manner.

An elegant jewel was presented to Hon. E. M. Preston, who is now a past officer of all the Masonic lodges in this city. The presentation speech was made by Hon. J. M. Fulweiler and Mr. Preston replied very happily. It was "nlp and tuck," as to the best speech. Both are ranked as very fine and good, square talkers.

The following was the program:  
Opening Address by Hon. E. M. Preston.

Address of Welcome by Mrs. Kate Reynolds.

Song by Nevada Commandery Quartette.

Presentation of a Life-size Portrait of Hon. E. M. Preston, by Hon. John M. Fulwell. During the speech the portrait was unveiled and for the first time Mr. Preston was so surprised that he seemed powerless to give expression to the feelings of his heart.

Song by Mrs. Ben Hall.

Song by Miss Elsie Arbogast.

Original Poem by Mrs. Edminster.

Recitation by Mrs. R. Plummer.

Grand Banquet.



# LINE OF ANCESTRY

OF THE

## PRESTON FAMILY

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- I. ROGER, born 1614, had:  
Thomas, Samuel, John, Jacob, Levi, Elizabeth, and Mary.
- II. SAMUEL, born 1651, had:  
Samuel, William, Susanna, Mary, Jacob, Elizabeth, John, Joseph, Ruth, Lydia, and Priscilla.
- III. JACOB, born 1681, had:  
Jacob, Benjamin, William, Joseph, David, and John.
- IV. JACOB, born 1703, had:  
Sarah, Jacob, Abiel, Eneas, Mary, Eunice, Hannah, and Abraham.
- V. JACOB, born 1733, had:  
Shubal, Jacob, Samuel, Charles, Sarah, Foster, Roswell, Ambros, Mary (Polly), and Chloe.
- VI. ROSWELL, born 1771, had:  
Chloe, Amanda, Alvah, Roswell, Mary, William, Jacob, Julia-Ann, and Sabrina.
- VII. JACOB, born 1810, had:  
Theodore, Edward, Marcus, Benjamin, Norman, Abner, and Charles.
- VIII. EDWARD, born 1841, had:
- IX. MYERS ALBERT, born 1874.



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(Signed) Henry Preston.

The above was received from Hon. Charles H. Durfee of Hawthorne, Mass. in  
letter of Mar 10. 1903.



# PRESTON FAMILY.

The emigration of the Puritans to New England, which commenced with the sailing of the Mayflower in 1620, continued unabated until 1640, when the Puritan opposition to ecclesiastical tyranny in Old England became so aggressive that Charles I, after eleven years of despotic rule, was compelled to again summon a parliament. The Long Parliament enacted laws which were designed to suppress the tyranny of the Church of England and to limit the despotic power of the King. The enactment of those laws and the political revolution which followed, for a time, checked the tide of emigration. While it lasted, however, over twenty-five thousand Puritans had settled in America.

[1.] ROGER PRESTON was one of that number. He was born in England in 1614. In 1635, at the age of twenty one years, he took the oath of allegiance, in London, and sailed for America in the ship *Elizabeth and Ann*. His name first appears on the records of the town of Ipswich, Mass., in 1639. His wife Martha, whom he married in 1642, was born 1622. Roger and Martha Preston were residents of Ipswich until 1657 when they moved to Salem, Mass., where Roger died 20 January, 1666. Martha, his widow, married (second), Nicholas Holt of Andover, and thereafter was a resident of Andover taking her sons, Samuel, John and Jacob Preston with her to her new home.

Martha (Preston) Holt died at Andover, 21 March, 1703, aged eighty years.

Roger and Martha Preston had five sons and two daughters.

Thomas, the oldest son, born 1643, married Rebecca Nurse, a daughter of the witchcraft martyr.

Jacob Preston, born in 1658, perished at sea, 1679.

Mary Preston married Nathaniel Ingersoll, and Elizabeth married William Henfield, both of Salem, Mass. Of Levi, little is known. John Preston was a soldier in the Narragansett war, 1670-1675. He



married Sarah (Gary) Holt and settled at Windham, Connecticut, where, on 18 Dec., 1727, he conveyed lands as follows:—

“I, John Preston, Sen., of Windham, sell to my cousin, John Preston Jun., of Windham, land granted me for serving his majesty in the expedition to Narragansett “under Capt. Gardner, I being then of Andover and called John Jun.”

[2.] SAMUEL<sup>2</sup>, second son of Roger and Martha Preston, was born at Ipswich, 1651. He was a resident of Andover where he married (first) Susanna Gutterson, 27 May, 1671. Susanna died 29 Dec., 1710. Samuel married (second), 24 Sept., 1713, Mary (Rolandson) Blodgett, widow of John Blodgett.

Samuel Preston died at Andover 10 July, 1738, aged 87 years.

Samuel and Susanna Preston had five sons and six daughters born between the dates of 1672 and 1695. Their fifth child:—

[3.] JACOB<sup>3</sup> was born at Andover, Mass., 24 Feb., 1681. He married Sarah Wilson at Andover, 2 June, 1702. He remained in Andover until sometime between 1718 and 1723, when he moved to Connecticut and settled in that portion of Windham which is included in the present town of Hampton. On 23 October, 1723, he purchased lands from Robert Holt in Windham. He and his family remained in Windham until 1742 when he moved to the adjoining town of Ashford, where he doubtless passed the remainder of his days. He sold lands in Ashford to Jacob Preston Jr., in 1754 and 1756. He united with church in Andover, 31 Aug. 1718, transferred to Second Church in Windham, 17 Nov. 1723, thence to church in Ashford, 13 June, 1742.

While residing at Andover, Mass., Jacob and Sarah (Wilson) Preston had:—

4. I. JACOB, b. 1703; lived in Windham and Ashford.
5. II. BENJAMIN, b. 20 Aug., 1705; lived in Windham.
6. III. WILLIAM, b. 1711; lived in Windham, had 10 children.
7. IV. JOSEPH, bapt. 14 Sept., 1712; lived in Windham and elsewhere.
8. V. DAVID, b. ——; lived in Windham, and Dover, N. Y.
9. VI. JOHN, b. 12 Jan., 1716; lived in Windham and Ashford.

These Preston families, while not the pioneers, were yet among the early settlers of Windham. Although settlements had been made



in the colony of Connecticut ninety years previous to their arrival, yet no permanent settlements had been made in Windham county for a period of fifty years after the first general court had convened in Hartford. This delay in colonization was due partly to the opposition of Governor Andros to the Charter-rights of the colonists and partly to the adverse and conflicting titles to the lands in that region. Governor John Winthrop had asserted his title to the territory under a deed executed as early as 1653, while Capt. James Fitch claimed ownership under a deed from the chief of the Mohegans conveying the hereditary title to the lands which were owned and occupied by his tribe of Indians. The general court of Connecticut had, at different times, recognized the validity of each of these titles. Those conflicting titles kept the first settlers at continual war with each other. Those who were accused of violence or misdemeanor were tried at the court in New London and, after conviction, were either fined, imprisoned or *whipped*. Among the first settlers in Windham county were thirteen colonists from Massachusetts who, in 1686, settled at Woodstock, on lands purchased from Fitch. After the departure of Andros, in 1689, which was followed by a restoration of the charter, a company of Massachusetts colonists [one of whom was Matthias Button of Haverhill, an ancestor of Lucy Witter Killam], settled on the Quinebaug lands east of the Appaquay or Little river, some taking title from Winthrop and others from Fitch. The original town of Windham was colonized by a company of sixteen gentlemen from Norwich, Conn., and adjacent towns, among whom was the Rev. James Fitch "the excellent minister of Norwich." Title to these lands was conveyed by a grant or deed executed by the Mohegan chief directly to the company. The boundaries of the tract commenced at the Appaquay meadow, at the head of Little river, extended southward eight miles and westward of Little river to the Willimantic river. The first house on this tract was built in 1689. On 18 May, 1691, the first town meeting was held. The township lines were run during the same year and conformed nearly with the boundaries of the original grant, embracing territory that has since been apportioned among the towns of Windham, Mansfield, Scotland and Hampton. After these transfers of title the lands were soon purchased and occupied by permanent settlers. The waters of the



Appaquay, or Little river were diverted into tail-races to furnish power for a grist-mill, a blacksmith shop, and later for wool mills and other industries. The blacksmith shop was furnished with a trip-hammer for the manufacture of scythes. Colonel Litchfield, from Southbridge, Mass., first manufactured shuttles from the wood of apple-trees, and afterward purchased the sawmill and, for a period of thirty years or more, furnished lumber and shingles for Windham and near-by towns.

When the Preston families arrived in Windham the land titles had become quieted, churches had been established and township organizations perfected in accordance with New England customs.

[4.] JACOB<sup>1</sup> JR. (Jacob<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Roger<sup>1</sup>) accompanied his father to Windham in 1723, where he acquired lands previous to his marriage. [Andrew Foster and Mary Rees, married 7 June, 1662, resided at Andover, Mass., and had Abraham, born 25 May, 1677. He married Mary Johnson. They had: Sarah Foster, born at Andover, 1708.]

Jacob<sup>4</sup> Preston Jr. and Sarah Foster were married at Andover, Mass., 21 Sept., 1730. They resided at Windham, where they had:—

10. I. SARAH, b. 20 Aug., 1731.
11. II. JACOB, b. 24 Feb., 1733; m. Mary Butt.
12. III. ABIEL, b. 1 April, 1735; had a family in Ashford.
13. IV. ENEAS, b. 7 June, 1737; had a family in Ashford.
14. V. MARY, b. 18 Aug., 1739.
15. VI. EUNICE, b. 20 July, 1741.
16. VII. HANNAH, b. 19 Aug., 1744.
17. VIII. ABRAHAM, b. 1 Jan., 1749; had a family in Ashford.

In the old north burying-ground at Hampton is an ancient tomb-stone inscribed as follows:—

“Sarah Preston y<sup>e</sup> wife of Left. Jacob Preston, died April 14, 1751, aged 43.”

Connecticut records state that Jacob Preston was “confirmed and established” a Lieutenant of the 6th Company of the 5th Regiment, Colonial militia in the month of May, 1751 — about one month after the death of his wife, Sarah.

Lieut. Jacob<sup>4</sup> Preston married (second) Mary <sup>f</sup>Homes of Woodstock, Conn., 1 January, 1752. In 1754 he moved from Windham to Ashford

Holm<sup>1</sup>  
(1752)



# The death of Sarah (Foster)

Preston is recorded on an ancient ~~broken~~ tombstone in the Old North Burying Ground at Hampshire as follows:-

"Sarah, ye Wife of Capt. Jacob Preston  
died April 14, 1751, Aged 43"

That Jacob<sup>4</sup> Preston was a loyal subject of King George the Second of England is indicated by the fact that he was "confirmed and established" as a Lieutenant of the 6th Company of the 5th Regiment, Colonial Militia of Connecticut in the month of May 1751. The colonists of this period were accustomed to acknowledge their allegiance to the King by inserting a paragraph like the following, in their deeds to lands, viz:-

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand the fifth day of April in the 2nd year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord, George the Second of Great Britain &c King. Anno Domini 1756.



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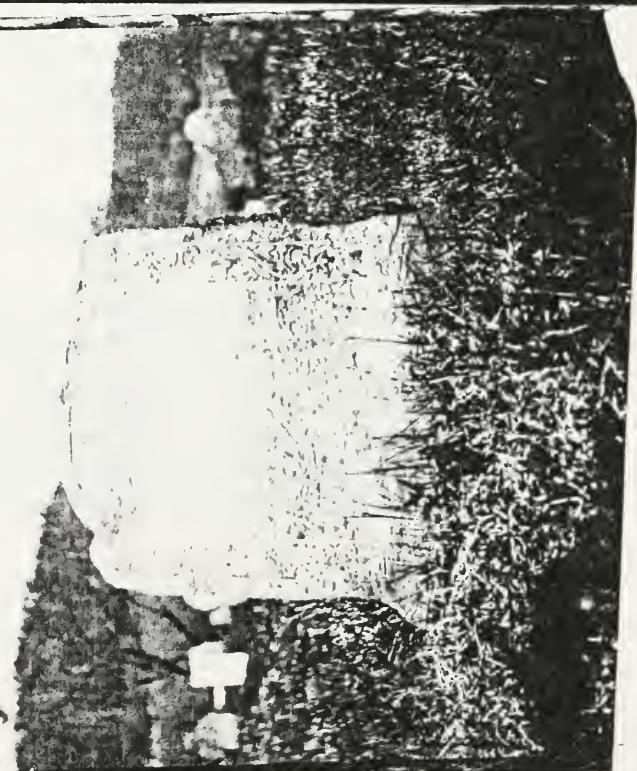
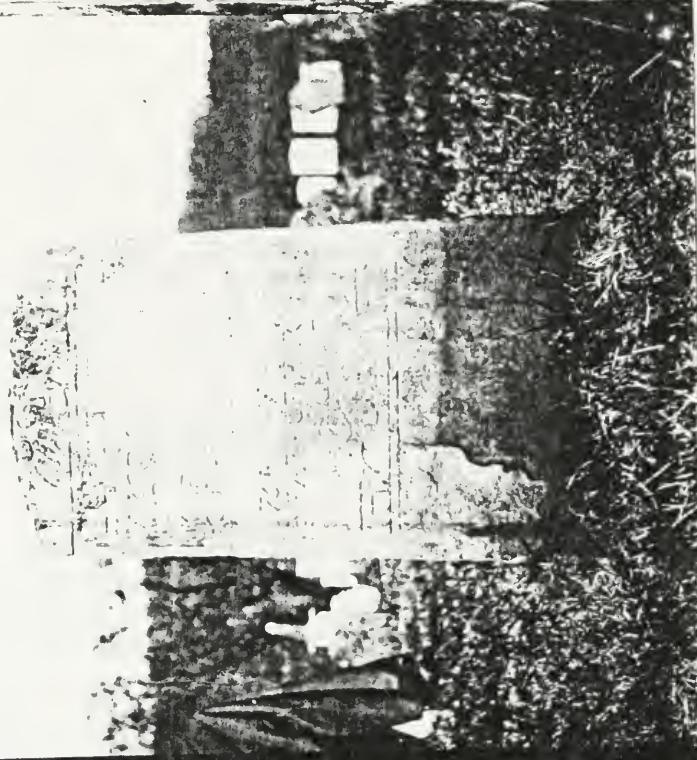
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where he purchased lands from Jacob Preston (doubtless of his father) in 1754 and 1756. About ten years later he moved to Woodstock, the former home of his wife Mary. He transferred from Second church in Windham to church in Ashford, 29 March, 1756, thence to church in Woodstock 10 March, 1765. His wife Mary transferred from church in Woodstock to Second church in Windham, 5 July, 1752; thence to church in Ashford in 1759 and reunited with her church at Woodstock, 10 March, 1765.

[The line of Preston ancestry from Roger<sup>1</sup> to Jacob<sup>5</sup> and copies of church records, were obtained through the courtesy of Charles H. Preston of ~~Asylum Station~~ <sup>History</sup>, Massachusetts, who is now compiling "A Genealogy of the Preston Family in America."]

[11.] JACOB<sup>5</sup> Preston, born in Windham, 24 Feb., 1733, and Mary Butt, born in Canterbury, 28 April, 1739 (see p. 42), were married in 1757 and resided on their farm in Ashford for more than twenty years. Their children were all born in Ashford. They had:—

18. I. SHUBAL, b. 20 Nov., 1758. *Died 17 Oct. 1846*
19. II. JACOB, b. 28 Oct., 1760.
20. III. SAMUEL, b. 9 Feb., 1763.
21. IV. CHARLES, b. 3 April, 1765.
22. V. SARAH, b. 18 May, 1767.
23. VI. FOSTER, b. 22 July, 1769.
24. VII. ROSWELL, b. 15 Sept., 1771.
25. VIII. AMBROS, b. 11 Aug., 1774; died at Hampton, 21 Nov., 1793.
26. IX. MARY (Polly), b. 23 June, 1776.
27. X. CHLOE, b. 12 March, 1780; d. at Hampton, 11 Nov., 1784.

Jacob<sup>5</sup> and his wife Mary "owned the Covenant" and united with the Second church at Windham, 31 Oct., 1762. On the same day their sons, Shubal and Jacob were baptized in that church. Samuel was baptized 18 Sept., 1763; Charles, 8 June, 1765; and Sarah, 3 July, 1768,—all in Windham church. The younger children were baptized at the church in Ashford on dates as follows: Foster, 29 Oct., 1769; Roswell, 10 Nov., 1771; Mary, 10 Nov., 1776; and Chloe, 25 June, 1780.



This record of baptisms indicates that Jacob and his wife, Mary, maintained their church relations at Windham for years after they settled at Ashford. The old Second church at Hampton (formerly Windham), for which they manifested this preference, is associated with the religious services of our ancestors for more than a century. Jacob<sup>3</sup> Preston of Andover united with it in 1723, and four generations of his descendants worshipped at its altar between that date and the year 1833, when the several families migrated westward. The present church edifice was erected in 1753. It is well preserved, and presents much the same external appearance as it did nearly a century and a half ago. The sounding-board, which once overhung the pulpit, and the high-backed, square pews, with doors, were removed a few years since, when the interior was remodeled, but the gallery still extends around three sides of the auditorium and the old pipe organ occupies its accustomed "loft" opposite the pulpit. The wood case of the organ is battered and worn, and its pipes are bent with age, but it is still used in church service and peals forth its joyful notes the same as it did when Captain Roswell Preston and Mehitable Knowlton were married in that old "meetinghouse," just one hundred years ago.

Lieut. Jacob<sup>5</sup> Preston was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The official record of his enlistment is as follows:—

"CAPT. STONE'S COMPANY."

"Capt. Isaac Stone, commencement of pay, Aug. 23, paid to Nov. 9th, ('77.)"

"Lieut. Peter Keith, commencement of pay, Aug. 23, paid to Nov. 9th, ('77.)"

"Ensign Jacob Preston, commencement of pay, Aug. 23, paid to Nov. 9th, ('77.)"

(See Connecticut Men in Revolutionary War, pp. 504 and 505.)

Capt. Stone's company formed a part of Col. Jonathan Latimer's Regiment in Gen. Poor's Brigade, and Arnold's Division of Gen. Gate's army, operating along the line of the Hudson river. Ensign Jacob<sup>5</sup> Preston was the standard-bearer of his company and participated with it in the battle of Stillwater, 19 Sept., 1777, and in the battle of Saratoga, 9 Oct., 1777. It is recorded that, at the battle of Stillwater, the two regiments of Connecticut militia lost more men in killed and wounded than any other two regiments which participated in that battle. After the surrender of Burgoyne, on 17 Oct., 1777, the Connecticut regiments were honorably discharged from the

Commission as Ensign, dated 21<sup>st</sup> March 1777  
 " " Lieut. " 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1778

Both issued and signed by  
 Jonathan Trumbull  
 " Brother Jonathan,"



Copied from official records of  
"CONNECTICUT MEN IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR."

Two large regiments of (Connecticut) militia, composed of detachments from all the brigades, were ordered to reinforce Gen. Gates at Saratoga in the summer of 1777. They were assigned to Gen. Poor's Continental Brigade in Arnold's Division, and fought in both the battles with the enemy, Sept. 19 and Oct. 9, 1777. In the first battle they lost more than any other two regiments in the field. Upon their dismissal, after the surrender of Burgoyne, Gates spoke of them as "two excellent militia regiments from Connecticut."

("Gen. Gate's abstract of a regiment in the service of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA--in the Northern Department commanded by Col. Latimer, in the months of Aug., Sept., and Nov. A.D. 1777.")

Note. The account on page 10 is copied from the above mentioned record, and shows that Ensign, (Afterward Lieutenant) Jacob Preston was with his regiment continuously from the time his regiment was ordered into active service until the regiment was mustered out, at the close of the campaign. His commission reads, in part as follows:

"JONATHAN TRUMBULL & ESQUIRE,  
Captain General and Commander in Chief of the State of  
Connecticut, in AMERICA.

To Jacob Preston, Gentleman, GREETING.  
You being, by the Governor and Council of Safety, accepted and appointed to be Ensign of the 5th. Company of the

*old cemetery mark from stamp*



Alarm List, in the 5th. Regiment of Militia in said State, reposing special Trust and Confidence in your Fidelity. Courage and good Conduct, I DO, by virtue of the Laws of this State, me thereunto enabling, appoint and impowey you the said Jacob Preston, to be Ensign of said Company:-etc."

This commission proves that JACOB PRESTON was one of the "MINUTE MEN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR."

AS HIS NAME WAS ON THE ALARM LIST of the Council of Safety.

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Crecy, an eminent British historian, names the Battle of Saratoga as one of the FIFTEEN DECISIVE BATTLES OF THE WORLD

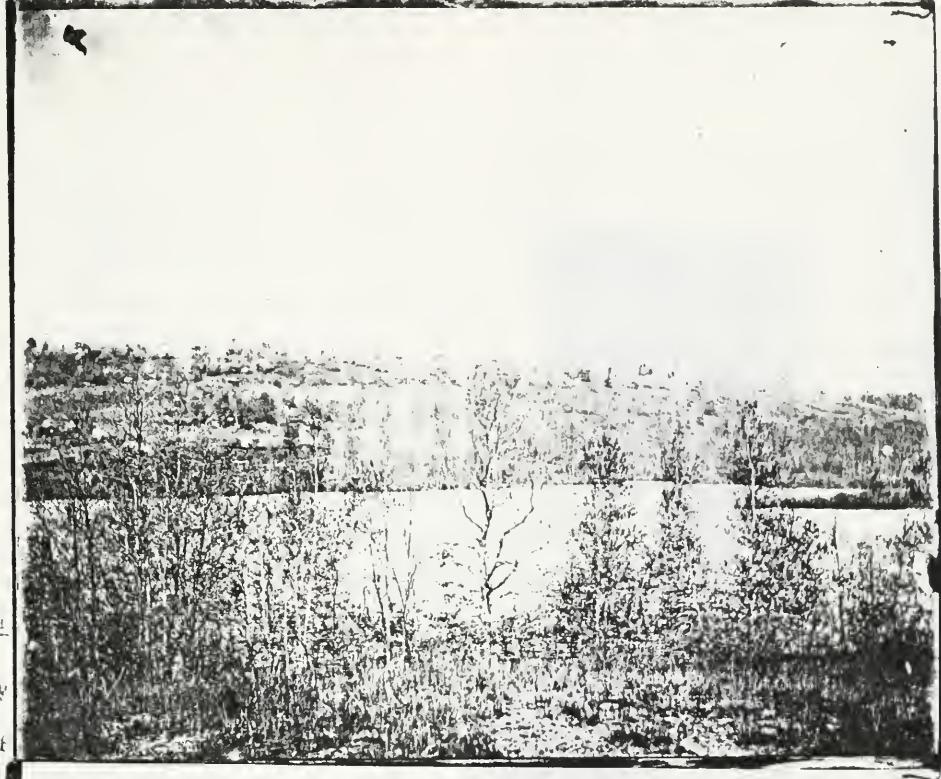
The battle of Sept. 19th. '77 was begun by Burgoyne, with troops consisting of Canadians, grenadiers, light infantry and INDIANS, which commenced a fierce attack on Bemis' Heights which fortification was defended by Kosciuzko. During the battle the Americans were re-enforced by Arnolds Division (Of which Jacob Preston was a member) and a fierce battle was fought, lasting from 4 o'clock, P.M. until dark. The loss by the enemy was 500, that of the Americans, 400. This is Known as the battle of Saratoga, Stillwater or Bemi's Heights.

During the battle of Oct. 7th. Arnold's Division attack Burgoyne's left, took and lost batteries time and again, until the British retreated in Confusion and their own batteries of artillery were turned against them. The Americans captured 42 pieces of brass artillery, 4647 muskets and a large supply of ammunition, & 5804 prisoners.

Burgoyne surrendered on October 17th. 1777.

Johnathan Trumbull  
"Rector Jonathan"





Head-stones at Preston Graves in the  
old cemetery mark from St. Cyprian

St. Cyprian on 6-1-1921





OLD CHURCH, HAMPTON, CONN.



# HAMPTON HILL.

## A BEAUTIFUL OLD CONNECTICUT TOWN.

One of the Choice Summer Resorts of the State — Its Famous Men and Fine History.

(Correspondence of The Courant.)

Hampton Hill, Aug. 22.

Hampton Hill justly claims prominence among the pleasant summer resorts of this state, not alone by reason of its elevation of 800 feet or more above the tides, but also because of the real beauty of the location, its general healthfulness, its pure, dry, country air, and, perhaps more than all, because of the beautiful views of the rugged country by which it is surrounded as seen from this hill-top.

Hampton station is situated 44 miles east of Hartford on the Highland division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. When one steps from the train at that station he immediately suspects he is very much in the country, the only evidence of a settlement being two houses, a small barn and a freight car. A drive of two miles or so brings one to the "center." The "center" is at the top of the hill. You can't say it is "out of sight," exactly, for it is a very prominent feature as viewed from the deep valleys and the surrounding hills. But it is certainly, "way up." Hampton has two churches, an inn, a store, a post office, a village blacksmith, a population of 600 souls and a republican majority of 3 to 1. It is a no license town, has no rough characters, no "lockup," and no need for one. The visitor soon learns that it is a prosperous and genteel community. Its broad main street, large old dwellings with liberal grounds, well kept lawns, an abundance of shade trees and flowers give it a particularly attractive and park-like effect.

While the village street is well kept and more or less modern in appearance, the country round about is wild and picturesque in the extreme. It is the real New England farming country—just the place to please the lover of nature and to inspire him anew with the restful and peaceful influences of country life.

Hampton is situated in the heart of a section which for generations has been noted for its intense Americanism, patriotism and public spirit. The town of Brooklyn, the home of Putnam, is its neighbor, while Windham, Scotland, Chaplin, Mansfield and other nearby places contain the ancestral homes of many of the best old families of the state. In Hampton a house is still standing and owned by A. J. Green-slit that was erected during the Revolutionary War by the women of the town, who did the work because of the absence of every able-bodied man with Putnam in the army.

At the topmost point of the hill overlooking the morning slope and visible for a dozen miles around, stands the Old Congregational Church. The present edifice was erected in 1754 (10 years before "The Courant" was founded), at a time when in this part of the country the rifle was a more common companion at the long Sunday services than the hymn book. For 150 years, nearly, this church has been recognized as a powerful factor for good in the community and its helpful, uplifting influence is as strong to-day under the pastorate of the Rev. Charles Morgan as ever before. It seems to be the center not only of the religious, but the social life of Hampton, and the people give it their most cordial support.

The road from the church and the other exalted places on the heights to the burying-ground is a natural one in Hampton as elsewhere. Perhaps, in a sense, more precipitous here than in other places, for the quaint, old cemetery is situated at the bottom of the hill several hundred feet below the main street and the road to it is steep and narrow. It, however, contains the graves of many honored dead, men, and women too, who have helped to make the history of this state and are a part of it. The inscriptions on some of the grave marks record births and deaths way back in 1600.



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service. Ensign Jacob Preston received his discharge 9 Nov., 1777. Family records state that he was also a Lieutenant in the local company of Minute men. The inscriptions on the tombstones at his grave and at the grave of his second wife, Mehitable, in the Bigelow cemetery both designate him as "Lieut. Jacob Preston," indicating that his title as Lieutenant was conferred by a military commission. This inference is confirmed by the fact that his commission as First Lieutenant was in the possession of his grand-son, Jacob<sup>7</sup> Preston of Grass Lake, Mich., as late as 1868.

Old deeds now in possession of our family state that Lieut. Jacob Preston of Ashford, purchased from his father-in-law, Samuel Butt of Canterbury, on 29 Dec., 1780, a tract of ninety-one acres of land for £300. The deed recites that this tract comprised "the northerly part of the land on which I (Samuel Butt) now dwell." This tract was combined with other adjoining lands in the south-eastern part of Windham township and became a part of the old Preston farm. The date of the above transfer is the approximate time when Lieut. Jacob Preston, with his family, moved from Ashford and re-established his residence at Windham, the home of his boyhood. His farm was located in that portion of Windham, which, in 1786, was set off and organized into the new town of Hampton. Lieutenant Preston participated in the proceedings of organizing the town and, at the first town meeting held in Hampton, was elected to the office of Leather Sealer. Hampton is bounded on the north by Ashford, on the east by Pomfret and Brooklyn, on the south by Canterbury, and on the west by Windham. Little River flows southward through the central portion of the township. Above the dam on the river, half hidden among clumps of birch and elm-trees, is a beautiful little lake, or mill pond, which furnished power for the grist mill and other mechanical industries of the town. The hillsides on either side of the stream are divided into little fields and pastures, dotted with trees and fenced in by stone walls. On the summit of the hill to the eastward is located the Preston farm and homestead, now partly overgrown with forest-trees. The opposite hilltop, to the westward of the river, is occupied by the village of Hampton Hill, with its white, graceful church spire pointing heavenward. The village has but a single street which extends ~~east~~ and ~~west~~, parallel with the river.

*North & South*



This street is ten rods wide and is covered, except in the road-way, by a compact green sod, which is regularly trimmed by lawn-mowers. It is lined on either side by a row of stately trees, beyond which are cottages and business houses in the midst of lawns and shrubbery. The village is two miles distant from the railroad station, and is but five miles from the wolf-den, which was rendered famous by old Israel Putnam. This picturesque little village presents much the same appearance that it presented when Captain Roswell Preston and his children were associated with its history over eighty years ago.

Mary Butt, wife of Lieut. Jacob Preston, died at Hampton, 18 April, 1795.

Jacob<sup>5</sup> married (second) Mehitable, widow of William Knowlton, Jr., of Ashford, 25 Jan., 1798. She was daughter of Ann Eaton, the household physician of Ashford, and was mother of Mehitable Knowlton, who became the wife of Roswell Preston Sr.

On 9 March, 1797, Lieut. Jacob sold his farm to his two sons, Roswell and Charles, jointly, receiving from them a life lease of the premises.

Lieut. Jacob Preston died 5 Nov., 1806.

Mehitable, his widow, was transferred from church in Ashford to Second church in Hampton, 1798. She died 29 March, 1826, at the residence of Capt. Roswell Preston.

[18.] SHUBAL<sup>6</sup> PRESTON enlisted as a private in Capt. Marcy's company in 1776, and participated in the battles of Flatbush Pass and White Plains. He was a member of Capt. Hill's Co. in 1778-9, a "lister" in Hampton, 1817, and a Revolutionary pensioner at Homer, N. Y., in 1833. *Died. Oct 17-1846*

[19.] JACOB<sup>6</sup> PRESTON Jr., was a private in Capt. Durkee's Co., 1782-3, owned land adjoining his father's farm in Hampton, 1789, and was a resident of Otsego Co., N. Y., in 1792.

[20.] SAMUEL<sup>6</sup> PRESTON married Louisa Abbott and emigrated to New York State previous to 1800. He had a large family and a long line of descendants.

[See "Preston Families in America," by C. H. Preston.]

Address of Israel Son — Edward F. Preston  
1210 Market St., Philadelphia

Shubal in 1776  
at Soles ancestor  
Buried in 1846. Buried in  
Belgium (New Bedford)  
County, Oneida County, N.Y.



Henry M. LeRoy.

Camillus, N. Y., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 1902

Dear Sir and Compatriot.

Syracuse

Chapter Sons of the American  
Revolution are placing markers  
at all the graves of Revolutionary  
soldiers buried in this (Onondaga)  
county. We have found the grave of  
one Shubael Preston in the old  
cemetery at Belvidere. (New Bridge)  
and could you give us the date of  
his death and age. In 1840 he  
lived with his son, Shubael Preston, Jr.  
in town of Lyons. same county  
and was then 82 years old. An  
early answer is desired.

Yours very truly  
Henry M. L. Roy



[ 21.] CHARLES<sup>6</sup> PRESTON sold his interest in his father's homestead 20 Sept., 1797, and emigrated to Goshen, Vt., with his wife and three children. In 1831 his son, Nathaniel, was the only surviving member of his family.

[ 23.] FOSTER<sup>6</sup> PRESTON married in Hampton, and resided at Woodstock, 1806.

[ 26.] MARY (POLLY)<sup>6</sup> PRESTON married Zephaniah Hicks 15 Jan., 1801, settled at Homer, N. Y. Had: Emily, b. 12 July, 1804, m. Silas Holt; Bowen, b. 21 Oct., 1807; Ambrose Preston, b. 10 Nov., 1810.

Mary (Preston) Hicks died at Homer, N. Y., 10 Nov., 1810.

[ For Zephaniah Hick's second marriage, see p. 34.]

[ 24.] ROSWELL<sup>6</sup> PRESTON and Mehitable Knowlton were married at the "meeting-house" on Hampton Hill, 18 Oct., 1798. They resided at Hampton, where they had:—

28. I. CHLOE, b. 19 July, 1799; m. Nathan Kendall; d. 11 Nov., 1841.

29. II. AMANDA, b. 8 March, 1801; m. Edward Litchfield; d. 20 May, 1851.

30. III. ALVAH, b. 17 Nov., 1802; m. Olive Litchfield; d. 16 May, 1862.

31. IV. ROSWELL JR., b. 2 Oct., 1804; m. Frances Hurlburt; d. 28 March, 1877.

32. V. MARY, b. 6 July, 1806; m. Edmond Comins; d. 26 July, 1833.

33. VI. WILLIAM, b. 19 Aug., 1808; m. Angeline Raymond; d. 29 April, 1882.

34. VII. JACOB, b. 2 May, 1810; m. Lucy W. Killam and others; d. 30 Sept. 1881.

35. VIII. JULIA ANN, b. 22 Aug., 1812; m. David C. Raymond; d. 21 March, 1883.

36. IX. SABRINA, b. 8 June, 1815; m. Richard Ayers; d. 28 March, 1898.

Roswell<sup>6</sup> Sr., and his brother Charles, jointly, purchased the Preston homestead at Hampton, from their father, Lieut. Jacob<sup>5</sup>



Preston, in March, 1797. In September of the same year Roswell purchased his brother Charles' interest, and thereafter became the sole owner of the premises. The land contained so many loose stones and boulders that all of the fields, except one, were fenced by stone walls. The small field bordering on Little river was, and still is, inclosed by an old-style rail fence. The farm was divided into fields of from four to ten acres each. The quality of the land is indicated by Captain Roswell's tax list for 1813, of which the following is a copy:—

“TAX LIST. One head. Four oxen, ten cows, five two-year-olds, three horses, one yearling colt, thirteen acres of plow land, thirty acres of English mowing and clear pasture, ten acres of hard-meadow, ten acres of bog-meadow, sixty acres of brush pasture, forty acres of wood-land, second rate, two fire-places, one wooden-wheeled clock and twenty sheep sheared.”

From the several tax lists recorded by Captain Preston, which are similar to the foregoing, it appears that taxes were not, at that time, levied on farm implements, vehicles, cider mills, flax machinery, spinning wheels, looms or buildings.

This list is copied from Capt. Roswell Preston's account book, which is still in existence and is well preserved. This book records his business transactions for a third of a century, beginning in 1798 and ending in April, 1832. The entries are made on debit and credit pages, and number nearly six thousand separate items. When the accounts were balanced at the end of a year, or of a period of years, it is found that there is but a small balance due either party, indicating that business consisted almost wholly of barter. Frequently, in balancing accounts, each party signed his name to an acknowledgment at the end of the account. Values were expressed in pounds, shillings and pence until about 1818, after which date dollars and cents were used as the standards of value.

A record so carefully kept cannot fail to reveal an interesting history of the industries and economies of that household and farm. The following items are copied and classified from various accounts from the beginning to the end of the record.

#### PURCHASES.

“One loom (for weaving) £2, 8s., one bellows 4s. 6d., one ox-yoke 4s. 6d., nine lbs. cod-fish 3s. 3d., two shad 2s. 6d., three lbs. sugar 3s. 7d., one fur hat £1, 4s., one



pair shoes 9s., one feather for training (in militia) 3s., one pair suspenders 2s. 6d., one portmanteau 12s., making one trunk 6s., one harness \$7.80, mending side-saddle 6s., one qt. high wines 1s. 6d., 12½ gals. brandy £1, 8s. 5d., one gal. rum 8s., one gal. West India rum 7s. 6d., two qts. cider brandy 1s. 6d., six chestnut cider barrels £1, 11s. 6d., 400 barrel staves £1, 8s., ½ lb. tea 3s. 6d., 2 skeins silk 8d., 1½ yds. ribbon 1s., button-moulds 1s., 1 peck seed corn 1s. 9d., 2 scythes 9s., 1 lb. tobacco 1s. 6d., ¼ oz. snuff 9d., 10 lbs. flax 10s., 1 bush. fine salt 12s. 6d."

## SALES.

"Eight bush. potatoes 18s., 1 peck seed corn 1s. 9d., 4 bushels turnips 1s. 1d., 3 bush. russet apples 5s. 10d., 2 bush. sweet apples 2s., 1 bush. quinces 1s., 2 bush. rye 7s., 8 bush. oats £1, 4s., 1 bush. corn £2, 2s., 1 bush. beans 4s. 6d., 1 bush. buckwheat 50 cts., 1 peck red-top seed 2s. 9d., 5½ lbs. clover seed 13s., ½ bush. Indian meal 7s. 6d., 7 lbs. wheat flour 2s. 4d., 300 lbs. English hay 9s., 1 lb. honey 1s., 1 lb. candles 1s., 1 bbl. soap £1, 8s. 6d., 1 sheep-skin 4s., 1 leather apron 2s. 6d., 1 pr. ox-bows 1s. 3d., 5 lbs. tobacco 3s. 9d., 6 lbs. flax 7s. 2d., 7 lbs. mutton 2s. 4d., 6 lbs. salt pork 5s., 13 lbs. beef 5s. 3d., 406 lbs. cheese £9, 14s. 11d., 2 lbs. butter 1s. 10d., 12 lbs. skimmed cheese 3s., 2 qts. brandy 3s., 1 qt. wine 2s. 3d., 2 qts. rum 3s., 1 gal. vinegar 9d., 3 sheep £1, 13s., 2 two-year-old heifers \$10, 2 choates, w't 202 lbs. £2, 8s., 1 load wood 4s. 6d., 4 cords birch wood for coal £3, 1s., 7 bush. ashes 5s. 3d., 19½ feet tan-bark £3, 7s. 6d., 800 bricks \$4, 100 mulberry trees \$5, 100 bush. coal \$5, 95 bbls. cider £23, 17s. 2d., 13 oz. hetchelled flax 1s.,

*Rope-walk.* To making 5 lbs. well-rope 2s. 9d., chalk line 1s., bed-cord 2s., draw-ropes 2s. 6d., loom-cord 1s. 6d., halter 3s. drum-cord 1s.

*Flax.* To 1 day pulling flax 3s., breaking 80 bundles flax 12s., 1 day hetchelling flax 4s., 1 day swingeling flax 3s."

## FARM LABOR.

Laborers, when employed by the year, were paid from \$7.50 to \$9 per month; when employed for the summer season, only, \$11 per month. Their pay was mostly in various commodities named above and in home-made clothing of home-spun cloth. Ordinary laborers received from 2s. 6d. to 4s. per day. For haying and harvesting, 6s. per day. Among the sources of income from farm labor were the following:—

"To threshing 4½ bush. of rye 2s. 6d., setting 12 barrel hoops 3s., making 277 shingles 2s. 6d., making horse-plow 7s. 6d., setting cart spokes 2s. 6d., grinding new scythe 1s. 6., 1 day grafting apple trees \$1, making cart body 12s. 6d., making 1½ bbls. soap 12s., 2 days laying stone wall 10s., 1 day reaving staves 2s. 6d., making 2000 shingles \$2, making plow-shear and wooden mould-board 7s., making leather apron 2s. 6d., tapping and capping boots 4s. 6d., use of harrow 1 day 1s. 6d., use of Dutch plow 1 day 1s. 6d., making 16 bbls. cider at mill 6s. 8d."



## Income from domestic industries:—

“ Spinning 7 run and 16 knots of warp 5s. 2d., weaving 6 yds. toe-cloth 12s., weaving 6 yds. white toe-cloth 12s., weaving 7½ yds. cotton shirting 18s., weaving 80½ yds. factory-cloth £1, 9s., weaving handkerchiefs 6s., weaving 18 yds. wool-cloth 9s., to footing a pair of stockings 3s. 7d., making great coat 8s., making 2 shirts 3s., making toe shirts 1s., making frock 1s., making 2 pr. trousers 2s., making all-wool jacket 6s. 7d.

*Sales.* To 6 yds. toe-cloth 12s., 6½ yds. all-wool cloth £2, 16s. 3d., 1½ yds. broad-cloth £9, 3s., 7 yds. shirting 14s., 2½ yds. brown toe-cloth 4s. 4d., 1 toe shirt 2s. 6d., 3 sticks twist 2s. 6d., 2 skeins silk \$0.08, three knots thread \$0.08, 7 yds. flannel shirting \$5.25.”

## HORSE-HIRE.

“ Mare and shay to Scotland 2s., old mare 6s., and young mare 1s. 6d., to ride in troop at Wookstock, mare to Boston at 4c per mile 18s., mare to Windham 2s. 6d., to Plainfield 2s., to Brooklyn 5 miles 1s. 3d., to Killingly 3s., horse and sleigh to Providence 2s. 6d., sleigh to take Mr. Sprague to meeting-house 9d.”

## NATHAN ALLEN'S STILL.

“ To carting 4 bbls. cider to Allen's still 18s., to mare to carry still to Allen's 1s. 6d., carrying Allen's still to Stonington with one cask brandy £1, 1s., carting 9½ bbls. cider-brandy from Allen's still to Norwich £1, 10s.”

To prevent unjust inference from these references to rum and brandy, it should be remembered that while such items appear in most of the accounts, yet the purchases were so infrequent and usually in such small quantities as to warrant the inference that they were ordinarily used for medical purposes. The cider-mill, however, was a regular source of income. The same is true of the spinning-wheel, the loom and the implements for the manufacture of the fibre of flax.

## FREIGHTING.

As there were no railroads in those days the best means by which the producer could send his commodities to distant markets was to employ teams to haul his freight to the nearest point for water transportation. Freighting by team was then a thriving industry and the quaint old way-side inns were popular resorts that furnished “ refreshment for man and beast.” For the producers at Hampton there were two markets: the city of Providence and the town of Norwich. Providence is thirty-six miles distant to the eastward, and was seldom frequented. Norwich is due south eighteen miles distant



and is located at the head of navigation on the Thames river. There are frequent entries, in the old account book, of freight to and from Norwich, ranging from "2 bushels of corn at 1s. 6d." to "4400 lbs. freight at £2, 14s." Among these items are the following: "Taking cheese and bringing tobacco £1, 4s., taking poultry and bringing 36 bbls. salt £1, 18s., taking 19 bushels flax-seed and bringing 1 bbl. tallow 18s. 7., taking 19 bundles paper and bringing 1 hogshead sugar £1, 12s., carting boxes of hats 2000 lbs. weight from L. D. Leach to Norwich \$5.

The following, copied from pages 36 and 37, relates to Ann (Woodcock) Eaton, the grandmother of his wife:—

"Wd Ann Eaton came here to live January 8th, 1806, at four shillings per week	Dr.
January 8th, 1807, Wd Ann Eaton	£10, 8s.
to her board, washing, etc., at 4s. per week	£9, 12s.
Sept. 12th to her board, washing and nursing 32 weeks at 6s. per week	18s.
to 1 gallon wine and Extra troble	
Sept. 29, 1807, the estate of Wd Ann Eaton to Roswell Preston	Dr.
paid to David Fox and James Sprage for appriseing her estate	8s.
my time and troble	18s.
March 2d, 1810, to one pare grave Stones \$9 {	£3
fetching and Setting up \$1 }	
Contra by Wd Ann Eaton	
January 4th, 1807, by 30 Dollars	£9
March 17th, 1807, by nine Dollars in Cash	£2, 4s.

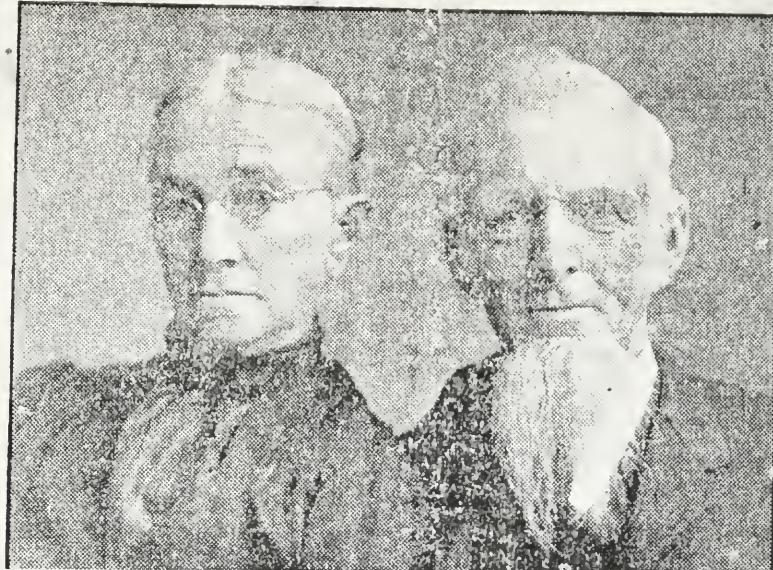
On page 77 is an account with his wife's mother, who was also his step-mother. It is as follows:—

"August 8th, 1810, Wd Mehitable Preston	Dr.
to Cash five Dollars	£1, 10
July to 12 Dollars Cash	£3, 12
to Cash fifteen dollars	£4, 10
October 10th 1815 cash five dollars paid to Mrs. Apider	£1, 10
August 10th 1816 to cash five dollars	£1, 10
to 18 yds toe cloth at 2s., 3d.	£2, 0, 6
January 8th 1819 cash nine Dollars."	

An account on pages 175 and 176 reads:—

"Town of Hampton	Dr.
April 10th 1817 took John Butt and famaly viz—himself wife and Nabby at three dollars & Eighty three cts or twenty three shillings per week—	
Credit	
April 10 1817 by the town of Hampton	\$ cts
by pork 35 lbs at 9d	4 37
by 14 lbs of Bacon at 9d	1 75
by 4 lb of dried Beef at 9d	50"





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MR. AND MRS. FOSTER LITCHFIELD

Twenty<sup>29</sup>, a party of friends gathered at Black Rock, New York, to witness the marriage of Lucy Ann Smith, daughter of Abby Warner Smith and Sidney Smith, to Foster Litchfield, son of Edward and Anna Litchfield. Last Saturday at Bell Mills a company of forty-one gathered to do homage to the bride and groom of fifty years ago, who have grown grey in life's companionship but have gathered with the years a crown of honor and respect from neighbor and friend whom they will leave, no mean heritage, to their children and grandchildren when the time comes for them to cease the toil and tumult of life and quietly cross the brief space to the beyond. And most honored of the guests present at this celebration was Mrs. Abby Warner Smith, mother of the bride of long ago, who saw her married to the man of her choice in 1852, and who witnessed the fiftieth anniversary of that day, retarding in spite of her 92 years the full enjoyment of her faculties, and she was the most enthusiastic of the guests present at the dinner on Saturday.

to Michigan in 1825 from Gloucester, Mass., in company with Captain DIX and family, for whom Dixboro was named; that she was a true pioneer of Auto Arbor, for at that time three hundred houses constituted the city. A remarkable point in the history of this wonderful family is that Mr. and Mrs. Smith celebrated their golden wedding in 1852. Mr. Smith living several years

ABBY WARNER SMITH,  
The Mother Who Witnessed the Mar-  
riage and Who Was Present at  
the Golden Wedding.

farm which is now the home of their old age and where they will probably spend the remainder of their lives. Mr. Litchfield has been a toiler of the soil all his life and has worked hard to raise his family and secure a competence for his old age. He has been a resident of Wishkahaw County 42 years and last June celebrated his 72d birthday.

Mrs. Litchfield was born and brought up in sight of the home where she now lives in Delhi. Born February 22, 1833 she was married at the age of 19 and has in her old age five children who call her blessed.

While the lives of this couple have been singularly blessed there have been sorrows mingled with their joys and so when the congratulations were being showered on the happy couple on Saturday the tears sometimes came to the surface for those who were missed from the gathering.

Of the seven children of this marriage six grew to maturity, the eldest boy having died, leaving the following five children, all of whom, with eleven grandchildren, were present at

**ABBY WARNER SMITH,**  
**The Mother Who Witnessed the Mar-**  
**riage and Who Was Present at**  
**the Golden Wedding.**

FOOT TAKEN OFF

David E. Waite of Dexter, Mrs. Clinton J. Snyder of Ann Arbor, Earliest M. Litchfield of Bay City, Mrs. David Willett of Detroit, and Sidney E. Litchfield of Delin, who lives with his parents. Guests were also present from Detroit, Wayne, Grass Lake, Dexter, Bay City and Ann Arbor, among them being two sisters of Mr. Litchfield, Mrs. Mary L. Caldwell and Mrs. Olive Dickerson of Wayne county, and a brother, De Forest Litchfield, of Dexter.

Mrs. Abbit Smith, or Grandma Smith as she is known to everyone, is a woman of remarkable grace. Coming

**FOOT TAKEN OFF**

Richard Brucklin of Owosso was brought here to the University hospital recently for the treatment of his foot, which was seriously crushed by a bay press. Previous to his coming here the protruding bones were removed and the foot was in such a mangled condition that amputation was necessary when he reached the hospital. The foot was taken off at the ankle. Mr. Brucklin is very courageous and says that when he looks around him and sees so much misery he feels that there are many worse off than he



John Butt was a brother of Captain Preston's mother. He was a Revolutionary soldier and, at this time, was 73 years of age. His account with Captain Preston extended from 1802 until 1818, and was settled until about 1814, after which time there were no credits.

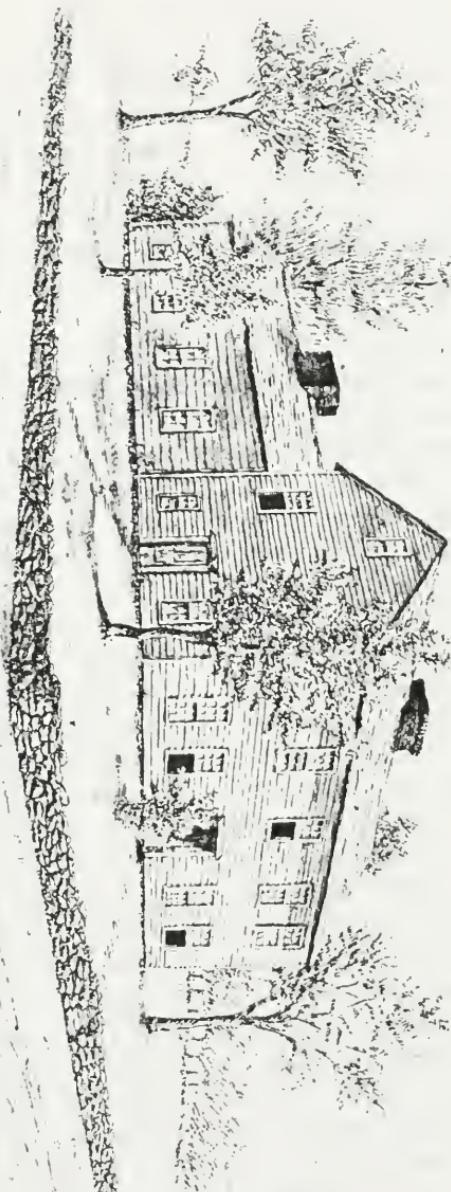
Deacon Samuel Butt, brother to John, was also a soldier. The account with him extends from 1813 to 1817 and indicates that the deacon was a brick-maker. Luther Butt worked on the coal-pit 1 Jan., 1808. These are the last traces that I have been able to find of any person in the male line of descent from the Butt ancestry.

There are accounts, also, with Foster Preston, a dealer in staves at Woodstock, Capt. Roswell Eaton, the blacksmith at Mansfield, Charles C. Button the harnessmaker at Norwich, and Josiah Witter of Brooklyn. The foregoing include all of the names that I find in the record that are in any way related to the Preston family.

On 22 May, 1801, Governor Trumbull of Connecticut issued to Roswell<sup>6</sup> Preston a commission as Captain of the 5th company of the 5th regiment of Connecticut Militia. For years thereafter Captain Preston was in command of this company, instructing his men in military tactics and officiating as master of ceremonies on occasions of the annual muster for inspection and drill.

Captain Preston's hospitable home was family headquarters. The old dwelling was a long, red building, but one story in height. A broad open fire place, surmounted by a massive chimney occupied a liberal share of one side of the living room. Swinging from one side of the fireplace was a long iron crane from which hung the pots and kettles in which were cooked the food for five or six generations of the Preston family. Near the kitchen door was a well curb from which an oaken bucket was lowered through a round hole in the center of the broad flag stone which formed the top of the well. Beside the well was an oblong stone hollowed out in the form of a tray which served as the family wash bain. North of the well, near the corner of the house, was an old pear-tree. Mehitable, widow of Captain Roswell Preston, stated that this tree was planted there by the hands of a Preston and that it was one hundred years old when she immigrated to Michigan in 1833. A "Dutch oven," built of brick, occupied a place near the well and was





PRESTON HOMESTEAD, HAMPTON, CONN.



used for baking the family bread and pastry. In 1814 Captain Preston built a large addition to his dwelling. The new house was two stories in height with an attic. The carpenter work cost \$220 and the nails \$23.27. Among the latter were 58½ lbs. *wrought* ten-penny nails at 13 cents per pound.

The rooms on the ground floor were warmed by two fireplaces set on opposite sides of a large stone chimney whose massive foundations occupied a liberal space of the walled cellar beneath the building. The old house was continued in use as the family kitchen and workshop.

The farm buildings were across the lane to the westward from the dwelling house. They consisted of a large barn, a separate building used as a granary and hog house, which was supplied with a caldron kettle set in a furnace; a smaller building containing the cider-mill and still, and two long sheds for the shelter of the live stock. The description and location of these buildings were furnished by S. G. Holt, an old gentleman residing at Hampton Hill, who accompanied me on my visit to the site of the old homestead in 1897. He was the school-mate and play-fellow of Captain Preston's boys. From him I gathered many interesting reminiscences of the old homestead and its occupants. He characterized "Cap'n Presson" as a man of soldierly bearing, dignified yet affable and hospitable, who took an active part in promoting the welfare of the community and of the public schools. He assured me that the farm buildings were always kept in good repair, that the fences and roadway were kept free from brush and always presented a tidy and well-kept appearance. On our way from Hampton village to the homestead, we passed the Bigelow school house, where Mr. Holt and "Cap'n Presson's" boys attended school. The building stands by the roadside. It is of brick, is fairly well preserved, and is still used for school purposes. Just below the school house we passed over the "Preston Bridge" which spans Little River, and ascended the hill, past the "little field with a rail fence," along the old road, now partly overgrown by young birch trees, to the deserted farm on top of the hill. We found no buildings on the premises. They had all been torn down or moved away. The present owner informed us that he had received thirty-five dollars from the sale of the stones from the



fireplace and chimney of the new house which was built by Capt. Roswell Preston.

The stone walls of the cellar, the remnant of the old chimney with its massive foundations, the stone steps at the front of the house, and the perforated flagstone which still covers the top of the well, with the broken stone wash-basin lying beside it, were all that remained to mark the location of that old New England home. The old pear-tree had been blown down by a gust of wind a few years before. The present owner, however, pointed out the location of the stump, beside which we found the decayed remnants of the trunk of the tree, from which I secured a small piece of sound wood. A number of apple-trees were still standing in the orchard, but they present every appearance of age and neglect. From the rubbish of the buildings I recovered the old crane which once hung in the kitchen fireplace, gathered a few wrought nails and secured some chips from the stone facing to the fireplace which are preserved as mementos of the days of old.

On the 8th of January, 1832, Captain Roswell Preston sold to Mason Cleveland for \$2500 his farm, consisting of two hundred acres of land lying partly in Hampton and partly in Brooklyn, described as the land "which I now live upon and which is all I own in said towns." He immediately began closing up his business affairs preparatory to starting west in search of a new location for a home. Previous to this sale four of his children had married. Two of the young families had already gone west,—Alvah and his wife locating at Ann Arbor in Michigan territory. In June, 1832, Captain Preston and his son Roswell Jr., who had recently returned from Ohio, started on horseback for Michigan, the father carrying his money in a belt around his waist.

The journey was uneventful until they reached the Denyke tavern, on the road between Detroit and Ann Arbor. That house was known to be a resort of hard characters, but Captain Preston and his son arrived there so late in the day that they were compelled to remain at the tavern during the night. Upon retiring, father and son occupied the same bed. Before retiring a huge knife was driven into the door casing, as an improvised lock, to prevent burglars from entering. During the night they heard some one trying to force the door, and



prepared for emergencies. The door, however, remained immovable, but at daylight on the following morning, the knife blade in the door was found to have been bent by the efforts of the burglars to enter the room. They resumed their journey at an early hour and arrived at Alvah Preston's residence in Ann Arbor without further adventure. After resting a few days Captain Preston proceeded on a tour of inspection of government lands and finally located a 240 acre tract on the north half of section eight, in the township of Freedom, county of Washtenaw, being about fifteen miles west from Ann Arbor. At that time there were but five families in the township, the first settlers having arrived during the preceding year. The unbroken forest was tenanted by Indians and wild beasts. Indian corn was growing on the land when Capt. Preston made his location. After building a commodious log house and clearing the forest from about his dwelling, Captain Preston returned to Hampton, Connecticut, and passed the winter in closing up his business affairs, and in making preparations to return with his family to their new home in the forest wilds of Michigan. Their westward journey began in May, 1833. The party consisted of Capt. Roswell Preston and wife, their sons William and Jacob, their daughter Sabrina and their married daughter Amanda, accompanied by her husband, Lieut. Edward Litchfield, and their five small children; twelve persons in all. The party proceeded to Norwich, Conn., where they embarked on a boat and sailed down the Thames river and along Long Island sound to New York City, thence by steamer up the Hudson to Albany, where they boarded a canal boat and were thus transported to Buffalo. They crossed Lake Erie by steamship, which landed them at Detroit. They then completed the journey in wagons. On arriving at their destination they found a number of other families in the neighborhood. One of these was that of David Raymond, two members of which afterwards married into the Preston family. Before the winter season arrived all of the adjacent lands were located and occupied. During the following year, 1834, the township was named and organized. Captain Preston was its first Justice of the Peace. His commission was from Gov. G. R. Porter, and was dated March 7, 1834.

During this first year in the territory the pioneers suffered many hardships and privations. Their lands had to be cleared of forest and



fenced. Crops could be planted only among the stumps and rocks. Provisions were scarce. Some families suffered from lack of provisions, others from sickness. Wolves and bears were numerous, bold and fierce. They often entered the farm yards at night, killing calves, sheep and pigs. At the Raymond place the wolves killed twenty sheep in a single night within one hundred yards of the dwelling. Dogs were frequently chased by wolves to the very doors of the dwellings.

[See History of Township of Freedom, by Jacob Preston ]

On the 10 January, 1835, Captain Roswell Preston and his wife Mehitable sold their farm of 320 acres to their sons William and Jacob for the sum of \$1000, retaining for themselves, however, a life lease of the premises. This lease stipulated, among other conditions, that Jacob and William Preston—

“shall pay unto Alvah and Roswell Preston Jr., and to Julia Ann and Sabrina Preston “an annuity of twenty five dollars each for the term of six years, commencing the “payment of said annuity on the first day of January, A. D. 1840. Also to Chloe “Kendall the sum of thirty dollars to be paid the first day of January, 1847, and to “Ann Jeannette Comins the sum of thirty dollars to be paid on the first day of “January, 1848.”

[ See page S3 of Book G. of Deeds, Ann Arbor, 23 Dec., 1835.]

Capt. Roswell Preston died 16 July, 1836, aged 65 years. His widow, Mehitable, survived him for a period of eighteen years. Among her reminiscences of her childhood at Ashford she stated that she had once picked an apple on Sunday, but was forbidden to eat it because she had violated the sanctity of the Sabbath. She often referred with pride to the military achievements of her kindred, in the Knowlton family, and told amusing anecdotes of the old “blue-laws” of Connecticut. During her last years she was a cripple, having broken her hip joint. She died 27 Nov., 1854, aged 80 years.

[ 28.] CHLOE<sup>7</sup> PRESTON and Nathan Kendall were married at Hampton, Conn., 19 Nov., 1823. In 1827 they moved from Connecticut to Otsego Co., N. Y., where they remained until 1836, when they settled at Waterloo, Jackson Co., Mich.



The home of Mr. E. J. Raymond was a most beautiful scene Saturday, September 22, 1900. The occasion being in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mrs. Raymond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. States of Williamston. The celebration was held here on account of its being the same place where occurred the marriage fifty years ago.

Among the guests were: Mrs. A. Dietz of Dansville, Mrs. L. Glover and daughter, Lulu, of Sylvan, Mrs. Ira Glover and son, Lin, of Manchester, Mr. and Mrs. M. Boyd of Chelsea, A. H. Preston of Pittsfield, Mrs. Charlotte Preston, Chas. Preston, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Preston and daughter, Maggie, Dr. C. S. Chadwick and family of Grass Lake.

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Ms. Ann Kendall was born September 1894, Windom Co., Connecticut and parted this life March 22, 1902. She is married to G. E. States, September 22, 1850, in Sharon, Washtenaw County, Michigan. One year ago last September she and her husband celebrated their golden wedding in the old home where they were married.

Ms. States is survived by a husband and three children, Mrs. Agustus Dietz and Mrs. Elmer J. Raymond and son Elwin States also one brother and two sisters. She was one of the early pioneers coming to Michigan in 1836.

She was an estimable woman, enjoying the friendship of a large circle and had many excellent traits, was always ready to lend a helpful hand during sickness and trouble and will be sadly missed in the community, but nowhere will this loss be so deeply felt as in the home where she was best known.

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Chloe (Preston) Kendall died at Waterloo, 11 Nov., 1841. Her husband, Nathan Kendall, died at Sharon, Mich., 20 May, 1861.

Nathan and Chloe (Preston) Kendall had:—

37. I. MARY ANN, b. in Conn., 11 Sept., 1824; m. Gilbert Edwin States, 22 Sept., 1850; died at Manchester, Mich., 22 March 1902

38. II. CAROLINE, b. 1 Nov., 1825, in Conn.; died at Sharon, 19 Sept., 1854; unmarried.

39. III. CORNELIA, b. 11 Feb., 1827, in Conn.; m. George Peckens, 2 Sept., 1852; resides in Sharon, Mich.

40. IV. HARRIET, b. 21 July, 1828, at Otsego, N. Y.; resides in Mich.; unmarried.

41. V. PRESTON NATHAN, b. 1 Dec., 1829, at Otsego, N. Y.; d. at Waterloo, 29 June, 1848.

42. VI. CHARLES, b. 24 Jan., 1835, at Otsego, N. Y.; is unmarried and resides in Michigan.

[29.] AMANDA<sup>7</sup> PRESTON, born at Hampton, 8 March, 1801, and Lieut. Edward Litchfield, born at Brooklyn, Conn., 12 March, 1799, were married at Hampton, 28 March, 1821. They had:—

43. I. WILLIAM ROYAL LITCHFIELD, b. at Hampton, 22 July, 1822; m. Esther Cook; d. at Santa Cruz, Cal., 30 April, 1892.

44. II. ALVAH PRESTON LITCHFIELD, b. at Hampton, 1 Oct., 1824; m. Almira Boyd; d. at Dexter, Mich., 30 May, 1887.

45. III. OLIVE LITCHFIELD, b. in N. Y. State, 14 July, 1826; m. William Dickinson, 10 June, 1851; resides at Dearborn, Mich.

46. IV. MARY LITCHFIELD, b. in N. Y. State, 6 May, 1828; m. Marvin Cadwell at Dexter, Mich., 15 Aug., 1852; resides at Detroit, Mich.

47. V. FOSTER LITCHFIELD, b. 18 June, 1830, on Fuller's farm at Hampton, Conn.; m. Lucy Smith, 30 Nov., 1853; resides near Dexter, Mich.

48. VI. ELIAS LITCHFIELD, b. at Freedom, Mich., 21 Dec., 1834; m. Emaline Cadwell, 1 Jan., 1857; resides at Jackson, Mich.

49. VII. DE FOREST M. LITCHFIELD, b. at Freedom, 14 March, 1839; m. Emma Bates, 10 Jan., 1866; resides at Dexter, Mich.

Lieut. Edward Litchfield was a son of Daniel and Olive (Pierce) Litchfield of Brooklyn, Conn. He emigrated with his family to New

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York State in 1826, and was there commissioned First Lieut. of a company in the 5th Reg't, N. Y. militia. He moved back to Connecticut in 1830, and settled on the old Fuller farm. In 1833, in company with Capt. Roswell Preston's household, he emigrated to Michigan, and settled on a tract of land two miles to the eastward of Capt. Preston's—a part of which land had been presented to him by his wife's father, Capt. Roswell Preston. He remained there and prospered until 1850, when he sold out and bought another farm to the eastward from Dexter, Mich.

Amanda (Preston) Litchfield died 20 May, 1851.

Lieut. Edward Litchfield died 31 July, 1880.

[43.] WILLIAM R. LITCHFIELD and Esther Cook were married at Ann Arbor, Mich., 30 Dec., 1846. They resided first at Lima, Mich., where they had:—

Olive Amanda, b. 22 Dec., 1847; m. B. S. Jones.

William went to California in 1852. After revisiting Michigan he returned to California accompanied by his family in 1858. They lived for a time among the hydraulic mines at Moore's Flat, subsequently at Nevada City and finally at Santa Cruz, Cal., where William died 30 April, 1892. His widow and daughter are now residents of San Francisco, Cal.

Olive Amanda Litchfield was married at Gold Hill, Nevada, to Byron S. Jones 15 July, 1874.

They had William, b. 23 Feb., 1877.

[44.] ALVAH PRESTON LITCHFIELD succeeded his father in the ownership of the Litchfield farm near Dexter, and was, in turn, succeeded by his son, Albert Litchfield, who married Mary, the adopted daughter of Jacob<sup>7</sup> and Charlotte C. Preston 1 May, 1884.

[For a more extended account of this family see "Litchfield Genealogy."]

[49.] DE FOREST M. LITCHFIELD, during early manhood, was an engineer among the oil fields of Pennsylvania. On 6 July, 1861, he enlisted for three years, or during the war, in Co. F of Pennsylvania Reserve Corps of U. S. Volunteers and went immediately to the front with McClellan's army. His first experience in battle was at Dranes-



Friday, Sept. 29th, is the date of the social to be given by the young people's society of the M. E. church, at the home of Mrs. Albert Litchfield. If you have not met the world's celebrities you may do so on that date. Conveyance will be furnished for all who wish to go. Watch for further particulars in next week's paper. 1899

### Cupid's Harvest. 1899

A pretty wedding took place last Thursday at high noon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Litchfield of Delhi Mills, where their daughter, Alma, was united in marriage with David Wittet of Detroit, in the presence of about 35 of the immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties. Rev. Geo. Wittet, a brother of the groom, was the officiating minister, assisted by Rev. Mr. Hicks of Dexter, the full ring service being used. The maid of honor was Miss Elva Conant; of Detroit, a niece of the groom, and the best man was the bride's brother, Sidney E. Litchfield.

The bride was dressed in a handsome dark green traveling costume with white silk trimmings and carried a bouquet of large white asters tied with white satin ribbon. The maid of honor was attired in gray with white trimmings and also carried asters. The house was beautifully decorated with golden rod and asters, the bridal party standing under a canopy of golden rod and other wild flowers. Immediately after the ceremony, a bountiful dinner was served to the guests. The presents, which were numerous, included a beautiful gold watch and chain, a gift from the groom. The happy couple left on a late train that evening for a trip for two weeks to Niagara Falls, Buffalo and St. Thomas, Ont., and will be at home to their friends after Oct. 15th, at 530 Toledo Ave., Detroit. The bride is well known in Dexter and vicinity and lived with her sister, Mrs. C. J. Snyder, in Ann Arbor, for about six years. Her amiable disposition and pleasant ways made her many friends who wish her much happiness and prosperity in her new life.



ville, 20 Dec., 1861, which lasted about an hour and resulted in a Union victory. He participated in a fierce engagement with the enemy at Catalet Station in May, 1862. During the battle of Chica-mauga on June 20 he participated in the encounter at Savage's Sta-tion. At the battle of Malvern Hill on 30 June, 1862, which lasted from dawn until dark, he was shot through both thighs by a minie bullet, which broke one of his thigh bones. He lay on the battlefield until night, when his comrades carried him to the field hospital. Before morning McClellan's army had retreated leaving the wounded as prisoners of war in the lines of the Confederates. After vexatious delays and great suffering he was finally transferred to the Libby Prison, where he was placed on a bunk on the floor of the upper story of the building. Although suffering from painful wounds he had neither surgical nor medical care, and was wholly dependent on his comrades for such scant care as he received. On Oct. 15, 1862, he, with many of his surviving comrades, was transported to the James River and paroled, and finally returned to his father's home in Michigan.

[30.] ALVAH<sup>7</sup> PRESTON, born at Hampton, 17 Nov., 1802, and Olive, daughter of Daniel and Olive (Pierce) Litchfield, born at Brooklyn, Conn., 16 Sept., 1807, were married at Brooklyn, 18 Aug., 1830, and emigrated to Michigan Territory. They resided, first at the village of Ann Arbor, and had:

50. I. JAMES<sup>8</sup> ALVAH, born at Ann Arbor, 26 Dec., 1831.

51. II. JOHN<sup>8</sup> LITCHFIELD, born at Pittsfield, 3 Jan., 1836. John<sup>8</sup> enlisted in the Union army for three years, or during the war, in 1861, being appointed as corporal in Company B of Col. Rankin's First Regiment of Lancers, Michigan Volunteers. He died 16 Jan., 1862, of congestion of the lungs, while the troops were stationed at Detroit.

Alvah<sup>7</sup> Preston purchased a farm in the township of Pittsfield, a few miles south from Ann Arbor, in 1832, and resided there until 1837, when he sold out and purchased a farm at Cohoctah, Livings-ton county, Mich. His wife, Olive, died at Cohoctah, 30 Sept., 1846. He married (second) Rachael Houghtaling, 1 Dec., 1847.

Alvah<sup>7</sup> died at Cohoctah, 16 May, 1862.



[50.] JAMES<sup>8</sup> ALVAH PRESTON and Sarah Jane Clarity, born at Geneva, Ontario Co., N. Y., 4 June, 1836, were married at Owasso, Mich., 22 Feb., 1860. They had:

52. I. JOHN RILEY, b. 12 Sept., 1863, at Cohoctah. *Died 28 Feb 1899 at Cohoctah, Mich.*

53. II. JAMES FRED, b. 1 May, 1865, at Cohoctah.

54. III. BELLE, b. 2 April, 1872, at Howell, Mich.

James A.<sup>8</sup> Preston resided at Corinthna, Mich., until after the death of his father in 1862, when he moved to the family home-  
stead at Cohoctah, where he remained until 1870. He resided at Howell for a number of years and is at present a resident of Detroit, dividing his time between his home at Detroit and his farm at Cohoctah.

[52.] JOHN<sup>9</sup> R. PRESTON is a commercial traveler and resides at Detroit, Mich., where he was married to Adelaide C. Vente, 27 June, 1894. Adelaide was born at Detroit, 28 Dec., 1863.

[31.] ROSWELL<sup>7</sup> PRESTON, JR., married Frances Hurlbert 8 March, 1837, at the residence of the bride's father, Asa Hurlbert, in the township of Lima, Mich. Frances was born at East Haddan, Conn., 2 April, 1817. Roswell and Frances Preston had:

55. I. MARY E., b. 11 Sept., 1838; died 22 March, 1895; unmarried.

56. II. CYNTHIA M., b. 26 Oct., 1840; m. Henry Shier; resides at Kipp, Saline Co., Kansas.

57. III. HENRY<sup>8</sup> H., b. 28 May, 1843; unmarried. *Died 28 Feb 1901*

58. IV. CHARLOTTE A., b. 2 March, 1846; died 25 Nov., 1871; *at home*. unmarried.

59. V. ANGELINE A., b. 30 Aug., 1848; d. 8 June, 1895; unmarried.

60. VI. ADELAIDE J., b. 8 June, 1851; m. Henry M. Blair, resides at Kipp, Kansas. *Died Nov 7 1899 at Pittsfield, Mich.*

61. VIII. FLORA J., b. 4 Jan., 1856; d. 30 Oct., 1880; unmarried.

Roswell<sup>7</sup> Preston, Jr., was apprenticed to a fuller, near Hampton, Conn., during his boyhood. In 1830 he went to Ohio where he worked in woolen mills for two years. He returned to Connecticut in 1832, and, after a brief visit, accompanied his father on his journey to



### James A. Preston.

James A. Preston died at his farm in Cohoctah, Tuesday, February 28, 1899. The funeral will be held at the Presbyterian church, Howell, Saturday, at 2:00 o'clock.

Mr. Preston's father was one of the early settlers of the township, settling on the farm where Mr. Preston died. Mr. Preston has not been well for about four years. The family moved to Howell about 1867, where they lived several years. They moved back to the farm, but have since moved to Detroit. Mr. Preston was one of those men who make and keep friends. He was an upright, honorable citizen, against whom not an unkind word could be said.

James A. Preston was born in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, in 1831; moved with his parents, Alva Preston and wife, to Section 23, town of Tuscola, now known as town of Cohoctah, Livingston county, in 1838. At that time (1838) there were no roads leading into this section. The settlers had to leave the Main road at the Hale school house and came in on a trail a mile to the west. As they had to draw supplies from Howell, Alva, father of James A. Preston, decided to cut a new and nearer road, which is now the main highway leading north from the Hale school house.

He assisted in organizing the township, was one of the first justices of the peace, also one of the first assessors. The ballot box used was a bowl, which speaks a great deal for the honesty of the pioneers. His first fee for performing the marriage ceremony was a pipe of tobacco, but through the inconvenience of getting a light, there being no matches at that time, he soon discarded the habit. He built the first house on the street, and in company with Edward F. Gay put up the first sawmill, the frame of which they raised without the aid of liquor, notwithstanding the prophesy of failure without it use.

### Henry H. Preston.

After two days of illness and intense suffering Henry H. Preston died at his home in Pittsfield township, Thursday, Feb. 28. 1901

The sudden passing of this man came as a sad surprise to his neighbors and many friends. While he has been suffering from rheumatism, he had of late enjoyed especially good health, was able to attend to his business, and was at church on the Sunday preceding his death. The immediate cause of his death was capillary hemorrhage.

Mr. Preston was born in Freedom, Michigan, May 28, 1843. When a young child he came with his parents to Pittsfield, where he has spent his life on the farm formerly owned by his father, Roswell Preston. The Preston family moved in the early days of Michigan from Hampton, Connecticut. The large white meeting house, with its double row of windows and tall steeple—the very meeting house in which Henry Preston's grandfather, Roswell Preston, was married to Mehitable Knowlton—still stands on old Hampton hill. The Preston family of Connecticut were noted for their loyalty to the church, for their public spirit, and their moral energy in the advocacy of the truth and right. Mr. Henry Preston entered into this rich inheritance, and has lived among his neighbors, town-folk and his brethren in the church, a kind, honest, useful Christian-life. He was a truly good man of noble spirit and loveable character. He was baptized in the Baptist church at Ypsilanti by Rev. C. E. Hewitt. For several years he was justice of the peace in Pittsfield.

The funeral occurred Monday, March 4, at his late residence. His pastor, Rev. J. A. Brown spoke a few comforting words on "Casting all your care upon Him, for he careth for you," and gave a loving tribute to the worth of the man. The Pittsfield choir sang. Mr. Preston leaves one sister, Mrs. Henry Shier, who resides at Kipp, Saline Co., Kansas, and a niece, the daughter of Mr. Henry M. Blair, of Kipp, Kan.



Michigan territory. He located a tract of wild land in the township of Freedom, three miles east from his father's location. After building a dwelling house he passed the winter in Ohio working at his trade. In 1833 he returned to Michigan and commenced clearing and tilling his farm. He remained on these premises for twelve years, during which period his three eldest children were born.

In 1845 he sold his farm in Freedom and purchased an improved farm in the town of Pittsfield, a few miles west from Ypsilanti. That farm is now owned and operated by his son, Henry H. Preston.

Roswell Preston was an avowed abolitionist. He was actively connected with the operations of the "Underground Railroad," by means of which slaves, who had escaped from their masters on southern plantations, were enabled to reach the Dominion of Canada where their freedom was guaranteed. Roswell's nearest neighbor was Asher Aray, an intelligent and a prosperous negro, who, with his family, owned and operated the adjoining farm. That negro's farm was one of the stations on the underground railroad. Fugitive slaves traveled by night. During the daytime they were hiding and resting. They came sometimes singly; more frequently in gangs of three or more and, on one occasion, farmer Aray had twenty fugitive slaves who were fed and secreted about his premises in a single day. The most active period of migration of the slaves along that route was from 1852 to 1856. After the latter date the slave-hunters became so troublesome that the route of travel was changed. When pursued by detectives, fugitives were often secreted and fed by Roswell Preston on his own premises. Roswell often furnished horses and wagon to convey them to Detroit, traveling the distance of thirty-five miles in a single night. The slaves would then cross the river to Canada in the early morning, and were free. Several of those fugitives fled as far west as the township of Freedom, where they were housed and fed by Jacob Preston, much to the dismay and dread of his children. They were always armed with pistols or other weapons which they did not hesitate to display. I well remember the terror that I felt when I saw one of those burly negroes display his sword-cane with its narrow, keen, glittering blade, which was long enough to pierce entirely through the body of a man.

Roswell Preston Jr. died 25 March, 1877.

His widow, Frances Preston, died 31 March, 1882.



28      *Preston — Mary<sup>7</sup> — Comins — William<sup>7</sup> — Raymond.*

[32.] MARY<sup>7</sup> PRESTON and Edmond Comins were married at Hampton, Conn., 4 Dec. 1826. They resided at Howard's Valley, five miles south from Hampton Hill, Conn.

They had but one child.

62. I. ANN JEANNETTE COMINS, born at Hampton, 11 May, 1830

Mary (Preston) Comins died at Hampton, 26 July, 1833.

Edmond Comins married (second) widow Mary Litchfield in 1837, and settled at Southbridge, Mass., taking his daughter with him to his new home.

Edmond Comins died at Southbridge, 10 July, 1880.

His daughter, Ann Jeannette Comins, was for many years librarian of the town of Southbridge, during which time she became familiar with the works of famous authors and acquired discriminating taste for all that is best in literature. The writer is under great obligations to her for valued suggestions and assistance in the arrangement and compilation of this genealogy. At the present time she resides with friends at Pomfret Center, a few miles to the eastward from the old Preston homestead at Hampton.

[33.] WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> PRESTON and Angeline Raymond were married 4 Feb., 1846, at the residence of the bride's parents in the township of Freedom, Mich. Angeline, daughter of David Raymond, was born at Benton, N. Y., 17 July, 1810.

William and Angeline Preston had:

63. I. WILLIAM WALLACE, b. 22 Jan., 1837.

64. II. CHARLES DELAVAN, b. 3 March, 1847.

William<sup>7</sup> resided at Hampton, Conn., until 1833, when he accompanied his father's family in the migration to Michigan Territory. In 1835 he and his brother Jacob became joint owners of their father's farm, William taking the westerly portion of the tract, on which he built a comfortable frame house, a barn, and made other improvements. He was a thrifty and an enterprising farmer and always kept his premises in excellent repair. He was a member of the Baptist Church and took an active interest in educational affairs. In the year 1866 William sold his farm in Freedom and purchased another in the township of Grass Lake, Jackson county, Mich., adjoining the farm recently purchased by his brother Jacob. He died at Grass



## OBITUARY.

For the Grass Lake News.

### MRS. ANGELINE PRESTON.

In Grass Lake township, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1883, Mrs. Angeline Preston, widow of the late Deacon Wm Preston, in her 73<sup>1</sup> year.

She was born in Benton Yates county, N.Y., July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1810. Her girlhood and young womanhood were passed in the same county. She came to Michigan with her father's family in 1833, and settled in Freedom, Washtenaw county. Her marriage was in Feb., 1839. After 30 years more in the same township the family came to Grass Lake in 1866, where she with her husband have since been known, and she with him has shared in the universal esteem of the community. She united with the Baptist church during Elder Spinning's pastorate. For years before her baptism she had cherished a hope in Christ, but from her natural diffidence had hesitated to make a public profession of her faith. She was a steadfast Christian, a devoted wife, a faithful mother, a kind neighbor, and in all the relations of life one of the Lord's noble women.

During her last days her breathing was labored and her position wearying, yet not a word of murmuring escaped her lips. Her funeral was attended at the Baptist church on Friday last. She leaves two sons, one residing on the homestead, the other in Kansas. Of the two brothers and three sisters surviving, two were present at the funeral. A large circle of relatives and friends mourn her loss.



Lake, 29 April, 1882, aged 74 years. His widow, Angeline, died 21 March, 1883.

[63.] WILLIAM<sup>8</sup> WALLACE PRESTON and Mary E. Divens (b. in Illinois, 2 June, 1846), were married in Illinois, 27 Oct., 1878, and settled on a farm at Montgomery, Larrimer county, Kansas, where they had:

65. I. WALTER DELAVAN,<sup>9</sup> b. 6 Nov., 1879.
66. II. HATTIE ANGELINE, b. 19 April, 1881; d. 30 Sept., 1885. Mary E., wife of Wm. Wallace, died 11 May, 1882. During the following year Wallace married (2d) Sarah Elizabeth Clevenger, who was born in Iowa, 9 Sept., 1865. They had:
  67. III. HOMER ORLANDO, b. 14 Oct., 1884.
  68. IV. ALVAH LEANDER, b. 16 Aug., 1886.
  69. V. AVILLA VICTORIA, b. 14 Feb., 1887; and
  70. VI. GEORGIA ELLEN, b. 13 Sept. 1889; d. 1 March, 1891.

William Wallace was a student at the Michigan Agricultural College for nearly four years, when his health failed and he was obliged to discontinue his studies before graduating. He is still a resident of Montgomery, Kansas.

[64.] CHARLES DELAVAN<sup>8</sup> PRESTON and Kittie E. Cowden, a native of Ionia, Mich., were married at Ionia, 9 Dec. 1874. They remained on the family homestead at Grass Lake and subsequently became the owners of the premises. They had:

71. I. WILLIAM K., b. at Grass Lake, 1 Jan., 1877.
72. II. CLARENCE D., b. at Grass Lake, 16 Aug., 1878.
73. III. ELLA, b. at Grass Lake, 9 Oct., 1880.
74. IV. NORMA M., b. at Grass Lake, 24 April, 1882.
75. V. ALFRED L., b. at Grass Lake, 4 Oct., 1885.
76. VI. EUNICE, b. at Grass Lake, 11 June, 1896.

Charles<sup>8</sup> D., like his father, is an enterprising farmer, and is using his best efforts to give his children a good education. Two of his sons are now employed as teachers in the public schools and are ambitious to acquire college educations.

[34.] JACOB<sup>7</sup> PRESTON and Lucy Witter Killam (see p. 57) were married 5 January, 1837, at residence of the bride's brother, Lewis C. Killam, in Sharon, Mich.

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They resided in the township of Freedom, Washtenaw County, Mich., where they had:

77. I. THEODORE, b. 30 January, 1838.
78. II. EDWARD MYERS, b. 4 May, 1841.
79. III. MARCUS KILLAM, b. 2 Dec., 1843.
80. IV. BENJAMIN TUSTIN KILLAM, b. 26 Jan., 1846.

Lucy, wife of Jacob Preston, died 26 February, 1846.

Jacob married (2d) Lucina E. Richardson, a native of Vermont, 2 December, 1846. They had:

81. V. NORMAN RICHARDSON, b. 2 Dec., 1847; d. 10 Aug., 1848.
82. VI. ABNER EUGENE, b. 21 May, 1849; d. 12 Feb., 1852.
83. VII. CHARLES ADELBERT, b. 23 Jan., 1851. [Unmarried, resides with his brother Marcus at Grass Lake.]

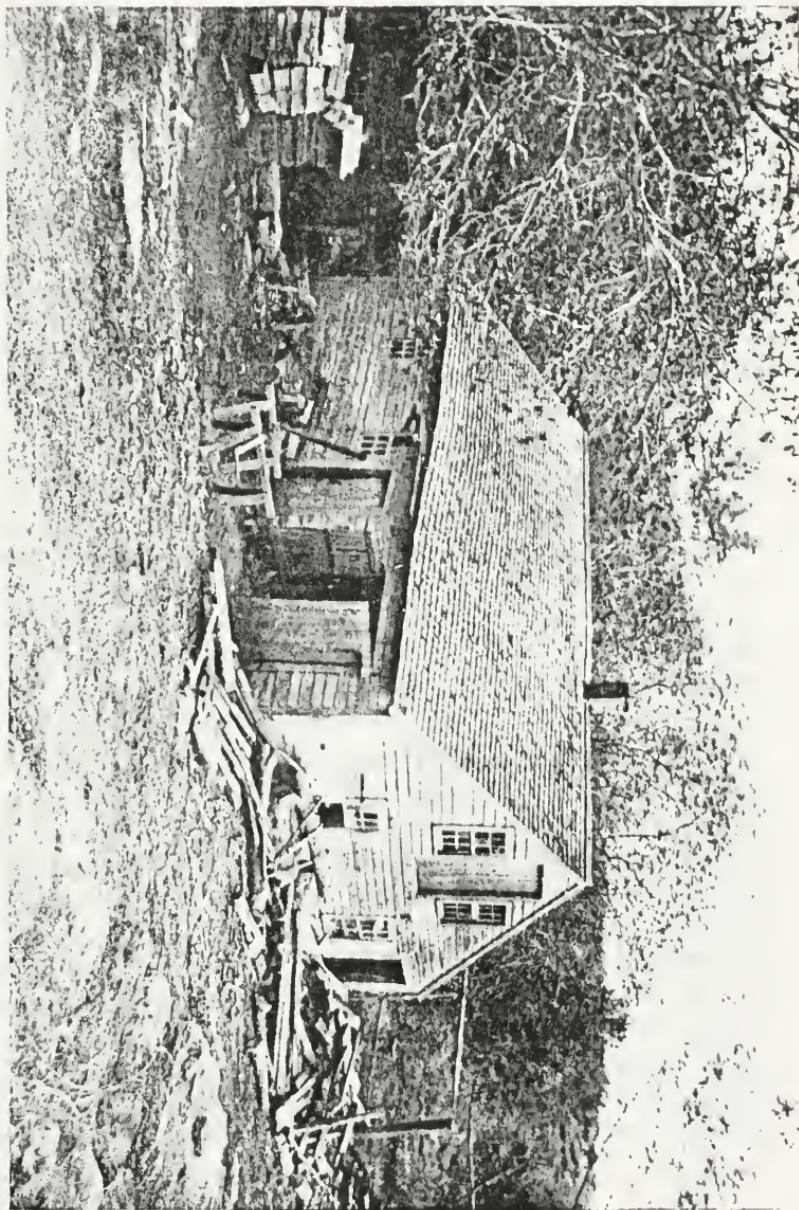
Lucina, second wife of Jacob, died 16 March, 1859.

For his third wife Jacob married Charlotte C. Stitt, 5 April, 1860, at the residence of the bride's parents in Augusta, Washtenaw county, Mich. Charlotte was born in Ingersoll, Canada West, 9 Sept., 1826. She survives her husband and resides with her stepson, Marcus K. Preston, on the homestead at Grass Lake. No children were born to Jacob and Charlotte C. Preston, but in 1866 they adopted a daughter, Mary Ann, who was born at Buffalo, N. Y., 20 Oct., 1854, and who subsequently married Albert Litchfield. [See p. 24.]

Jacob's first employment was as teacher in the public schools. In 1833 he accompanied his father's family to Michigan Territory, where he obtained employment as assistant to John K. Bingham, who was employed by the Government as a surveyor of public lands. In 1835 Jacob purchased Mr. Bingham's instruments and outfit and succeeded him as U. S. Surveyor. This employment often led him into the uninhabited forest, which was infested by wolves, which often howled about his camp during the night, but were kept at bay by his blazing camp fires.

In the partition of his father's farm and estate in 1835, Jacob acquired the eastern half of the farm, with the dwelling and farm buildings, which had been erected by his father. His mother, Mehitable Preston, remained with him on the family homestead,





GRIST-MILL BUILT BY EBENEZER WITTER 1755



During her lifetime a portion of the kitchen garden was devoted to the cultivation of medicinal herbs and the rafters of the old log house were never destitute of bundles of various herbs, domestic and wild, which constituted a necessary part of the medical economies of the household, according to family tradition reaching back to the days of her talented grandmother, Ann (Woodcock) Eaton, the family physician of Ashford.

In 1847 Jacob built a substantial frame dwelling-house, which was connected with the log-house by a covered passage, and thereafter the two buildings were used jointly as a family residence. In 1866 Jacob sold the premises to a German and bought an improved farm near the village of Grass Lake, in Jackson county, Mich.

Jacob was an active member of the M. E. Church and took an equally active interest in the cause of the public schools. In political affiliations he was a Free Soil Democrat and a pronounced advocate of the abolition of negro slavery. He was a member of the Drainage Commission for Washtenaw county, which engineered and superintended the construction of a series of drainage canals through the swamp and marsh-lands of the county. Those canals drained the surface water from a large area of comparatively worthless swamp and bog and converted those lands into fertile, tillable farms.

Between the brothers, William and Jacob, there existed a strong bond of affection, which made them mutually considerate of each other's welfare and mutually dependent on each other for counsel in business and social affairs. Their dwellings, in the township of Freedom, were so near each other that conversation could easily be carried on between them. A well-worn path extended through the kitchen gardens from one dwelling to the other. The brothers were frequently in consultation before breakfast, and usually met to compare notes after the day's work was done. The intercourse between the children of the two families was like that of brothers. A few months after Jacob had located on his farm at Grass Lake William sold his premises in Freedom and purchased another farm adjoining that of his brother Jacob.

Jacob died 30 Sept., 1881.

William lived but seven months after the death of his brother Jacob.



[77.] THEODORE<sup>8</sup> PRESTON, after taking a course of instruction in the State Normal School of Ypsilanti, was engaged during the winter seasons as teacher in the public schools. He was also a contractor in the construction of the drainage canals of Washtenaw county. Early in the summer of 1861 he enlisted for three years, or during the war, in Company B, Second Regiment of Col. Berdan's Sharp Shooters, and was assigned to McClellan's army of the Potomac. The regiment was organized into a camp of instruction, while serving as a portion of the military guard of the Capital at Washington, with headquarters in Virginia, on the west side of the Potomac. Owing to some delay in procuring a proper armament for that branch of the service the men were not sent to the front during their first year of service. About a year after the date of his enlistment, Theodore, while in camp, contracted a malignant fever and was transferred to the military hospital at Alexandria, where he died 2 Sept., 1862. He was buried in the National Cemetery at Alexandria, Va., on the right hand side of the main entrance. His grave, like that of thousands of others in that cemetery, is marked by a small marble head-stone. The inscription on the stone is:—

“220. THEO. PRESTON.”

[78.] EDWARD<sup>8</sup> M. PRESTON graduated from the Agricultural College at Lansing with the degree of B. S., in 1862. He paid all his expenses at College, with the exception of one hundred dollars received from the estate of his grandfather Killam, from his own earnings. Four years after his graduation the faculty of the college conferred on him the degree of M. S. In 1863 he sailed for California by way of the Isthmus of Panama. He taught school for several years, and was twice elected County Superintendent of Schools of Nevada County. In 1868 he resigned his position as principal of the Nevada City schools, and engaged in the drug trade. He took an active part in the incorporation of the Citizens' Bank in 1876, and has been president of that corporation since the date of its organization. He was elected to the State Senate from Nevada county in 1888, and was a member of the legislative sessions of 1889 and 1891. Among the bills which he introduced was one establishing a State Reform School for wayward boys.



Death of Mrs. Preston.

On Sunday morning, Mrs. Maggie H. Preston, wife of Hon. E. M. Preston, died at her home at Nevada City, having been long a sufferer from consumption. Mrs. Preston was a native of Kentucky, and came with her parents across the plains to California in 1860. Since that time she has been a resident of this county, with the exception of several years spent with the family of her uncle, Capt. Kidd, of Stockton. She was married to Mr. Preston in 1870, and the fruit of the marriage was one son now 14 years of age. In 1884, in company with her husband Mrs. Preston visited the Sandwich Islands for her health and was much benefited by the journey, but for the past year her health had been gradually failing, and it was evident to herself and family that her earthly career would soon end, and she awaited with Christian resignation the coming of the great change. Mrs. Preston was a teacher in the M. E. Sunday School, of Nevada City, an active and enthusiastic member of the Chautauqua Circle of the class of 1889, and was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, which Society will take part in the funeral services, which are to be held this afternoon. Mrs. Preston was a lady greatly beloved by a large circle of acquaintances, who exemplified in her life all the attributes that grace the duties of a wife, mother and companion, and in her death there will be many to mourn the loss of an exemplary woman, and who will extend a heartfelt sympathy to a bereaved husband and son. The age of deceased was 41 years 2 months and 24 days. The funeral will take place from the family residence at Nevada City at 2 o'clock this afternoon.



# THE PASSING OF A GOOD AND NOBLE MAN

Death pierces strongest armor worn  
Of wedded virtues that the soul en-  
cases.

Messenger of death! from our midst is  
torn  
Our noblest citizen—God grieve efface  
Of parting soul—and it is well.

Death tolls the knell  
Power divine, we hear Thee say  
Thy words of comfort, sweet and low,  
While 'tis our night, it is his day.

So from Thy deeds all blessings flow  
Death tolls the knell  
Of parting soul—and it is well  
—Eleonore E. Hoeft.

ing monument to the good deeds and untiring efforts exerted in their behalf.

Edward Meyers Preston was born in da commandery; was prelate in 1876, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882 and 1890; Frye's son, Washenaw county, Michigan, May 4th, 1841. He came to California in 1877 and 1889; captain from Michigan by way of Panama in 1883. He landed at San Francisco, but shortly after moved to Nevada City, where he has resided continuously since. He engaged in the drag business until 1876, disposing of the same to enter the business of banking, being elected president of the Citizens' bank, which position he held with honor to himself and credit to the institution with which he has been so long identified. He was elected to the state senate from Nevada county in 1888, and was a member of the legislative sessions of 1889 and 1891. Among the bills which he introduced was one establishing a state reform school for wayward boys. Before its final passage the title of the bill was amended by the senate, and the institution was officially designated as "The Preston School of Industry." He has been continuously chairman of its board of trustees since the date of the organization of the school.

Mr. Preston was married in Nevada City, November 8th, 1870, to Miss Mag-

He received the order of the Red Cross, May 21, 1874, and was Knight Templar and Knight of Malta in Nevada.

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He was the first exalted ruler of the local lodge of Elks, being elected to that position at the organization of the order in this city. In this capacity he served the lodge for two terms and at the end of his second term was elected to represent his lodge at the grand lodge which met in Atlantic City, N. J., in 1901.

The funeral of the deceased will be held from Armory Hall Sunday, April 26th at 2 o'clock, p. m. The services will be held under the auspices of the Masons. A telegram from Grand Master Orrin S. Henderson of Stockton stated that he would be here to assist Master Vinton of the local lodge in the ceremonies.

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# THE PASSING OF A

## GOOD AND NOBLE MAN

Hon. E. M. Preston Breathes His Last at 4:30  
Yesterday Afternoon.

### PROMINENT MASON CALLED TO REST

Word was received here last night of the death from pneumonia in Nevada City yesterday afternoon of E. M. Preston, a Past Grand Master of the Masons of California. A telegram to that effect reached here a little before sunset, it was 7 o'clock, under the news that a sumptuous banquet was in progress, and the news was brief and great for the deceased was one of the most popular members of the order on the coast. The cause of his death was given as pneumonia.

It has been arranged to have the funeral here to State will attend. The deceased was son of the well known men in California, and had for a long time been a member of the Masons of Nevada City.

#### DEATH TOLLS THE KNEEL.

Death tolls the knell of parting soul,  
While the echo of wails of sad-  
torn.

Fate guides the noblest on to better  
God speaks—unto His will we bow.

Death tolls the knell  
Of parting soul—*and it is well.*

Death nerves strongest armor worn  
Of which virtues that the soul en-  
grossed.

Messenger of death: from our midst is  
torn.

Our noblest citizen—God grief efface

Death tolls the knell

Of parting soul—*and it is well.*

Purer virtue, we know, these say  
While 'tis our right, it is not our low-  
So from Thy deus all blessings flow.

Death tolls the knell  
Of parting soul—*It is well.*

—Eleonore E. Hoeft.

EDWARD MEYERS PRESTON, Dr. Meyers A. Preston, the only child, he residing in San Francisco at the present time.

Mr. Preston stood very high in fraternal circles. He was initiated as an entered apprentice Mason May 4th, 1873, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Washinton Lodge, No. 55, F. & A. M., at Dexter, Mich. He entered with Nevada Lodge in 1873. He was appointed and served as senior deacon in 1878, elected treasurer in 1879, worshipful master in 1880 and 1881 and re-elected treasurer in 1887.

He was elected and served as senior grand deacon during 1889 and 1890; junior grand warden in 1892 and 1893; senior grand warden during 1893 and 1894; deputy grand master during 1894 and 1895, and most worshipful grand master of Masons of California during 1895 and 1896.

He was a man who had the interest of every person in the community at heart whether he was great or small, rich or poor. The lowliest man that walks our streets could not apply to him the contempt of the Master Mason, and also officiated at the laying of the cornerstone of the St. Louis monument at Monterey July 7th, 1896. He laid the cornerstone of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' home October 14, 1896.

He was then advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master; was in private life, as well, were the good traits of the man shown. In his business life he was trusted and respected beyond degree, no man ever doubtless equal to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in 1895 in Manzanita, Nev.

As a statesman and promoter his voice was as good as his bond. Arch Mason at North San Juan; appointed at all times lifted in behalf of the indented and served as captain of the guard in 1865, elected and served as commander in 1866; deputed and affiliated with Nevada Chapter R. A. M.; serving as treasurer during 1888, 1889 and 1890, and as high priest in 1891.

He received the order of the Red Cross May 21, 1874, and was Knight Templar and Knight of Malta in Nevada commandery; was post master in 1876, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882 and 1890; junior warden in 1877 and 1889; captain general in 1885; eminent commander in 1884 and 1895. He was appointed an honorary member of the Masonic Veteran Association of the Pacific Coast July 7th, 1896, for his long business until 1876, disposing of eminent services rendered to Free Masons, and was transferred to the Ac-  
tive life membership roll October 12, 1893.

Edward Meyers Preston was born in Newaygo, Mich., May 4th, 1841. He came to California by way of Fort Meigs, from Michigan, he landed at San Francisco in 1861. He landed at San Francisco, but shortly after moved to Nevada City, where he has resided continuously since. He engaged in the Pacific Coast business until 1876, disposing of his business to the business of his son, being elected president of the Citizen's Bank, which position he held until 1893.

He was the first exalted ruler of the local lodge of Elks, being elected to the position at the organization of the Elks Lodge in 1890. He has been continually a member of the Elks Lodge, and has been elected to the office of president of the Elks Lodge in 1893.

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The funeral of the deceased will be held from Armory Hall Sunday, April 26th at 2 o'clock p. m. The services officially designated as "The Preston School of Industry."

Mr. Preston was married in Nevada City, November 15th, to Miss Mary

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As a member of the Grand Lodge of Masons of California he introduced and secured the adoption of a resolution creating the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, located at Decoto, which is now in successful operation. He was president of its Board of Trustees until 1895, when he was elected Grand Master of Masons of California. At the annual session of the Grand Lodge in 1896, as Grand Master of the order, he officiated at the ceremonies of the laying of the corner-stone of the Home.

Edward<sup>8</sup> M. Preston and Maggie H. Hinds were married at the residence of the bride's parents in Nevada City, Cal., 8 November, 1870. The ceremony was solemnized by Rev. J. W. Stump of the M. E. Church.

Maggie H., daughter of Hiram M. and Elvira (Kidd) Hinds, was born near Glasgow, Kentucky, 9 March, 1848. She accompanied her parents to California in 1860, and thereafter resided with the family of her uncle, Capt. Geo. W. Kidd, until the date of her marriage. At Nevada City she attended the select school for young ladies under the tutorship of Mrs. Hebbard. In 1884 she spent several months in the Hawaiian Islands for the recovery of her health, and was greatly improved by the trip. The improvement, however, was but temporary. She died at Nevada City, 2 June, 1889.

Edward M. and Maggie H. Preston had:

84. I. Myers Albert, born at Nevada City, Cal., 30 Dec., 1874.

*in 1884, at age of 10, his b. F. Garcia May 31, 1902*

[84.] MYERS<sup>9</sup> ALBERT PRESTON, at the age of ten years visited the Hawaiian Islands with his parents, and, accompanied by his father, passed two days and a part of one night along the shore of the burning lake of Halemaumau, in the volcano of Kilauea, on the island of Hawaii. It was there, while watching the work of an artist, who was sketching the volcano, that he first manifested his taste for art and his skill in drawing.

He entered Dr. Brewer's academy, at San Mateo, in 1889, and subsequently continued his studies of the Berkeley Gymnasium.



After a special course of instruction at the State University, preparatory to the study of medicine, he entered Cooper's Medical College, from which he graduated with the degree of M. D. in December, 1897. He is now a student in the Hopkins' Art Institute in San Francisco.

[79.] MARCUS<sup>8</sup> K. PRESTON is a farmer, having succeeded his father as the owner of the family homestead at Grass Lake. In acquiring the property Marcus assumed obligations to pay stipulated legacies to his father's heirs as a part of the consideration for the premises. His brother, Charles, and his father's widow, Charlotte, reside with his family. Mary, the adopted daughter of Jacob and Charlotte C. Preston remained with his family until she married Albert Litchfield.

After receiving a common school education Marcus took a course of study at the State Normal School at Ypsilanti. He is an active member of the Farmers' Club and of other associations for increasing his knowledge and for promoting the success of his farming enterprises.

Marcus K. Preston and Anna E. Hawley were married 16 August, 1876, by Rev. C. W. Armstrong of the M. E. Church, at the residence of the bride's parents, near Mason, Mich. For their bridal tour they visited the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia.

Anna E. Hawley was born in Vevay township, near Mason, Mich., 25 March, 1853. Her parents, Henry A. Hawley and Lucy Ann Hicks, were married 2 June, 1841, in Ingham county, Michigan, and lived on their farm in Vevay township, Ingham county. Mr. Hawley was born in Hirkimer county, New York, 19 Nov., 1815, and died 12 June, 1881. His wife Lucy Ann Hicks was born at Homer, New York, 28 August, 1818; and died 18 Nov., 1853. She was daughter of Zephaniah Hicks, by his second wife, Lucy Ingalls, whom he married at Pomfret, Conn., 4 July, 1811. Zephaniah Hicks married (first) on 15 June, 1801, Mary (Polly), daughter of Lieut. Jacob<sup>5</sup> Preston of Hampton, Conn. (See p. 13.)

Marcus K. and Anna E. Preston had:

85. I. LUCY ANN, b. 25 Aug., 1878; d. 3 March, 1883.
86. II. MAGGIE BELLE, b. 5 Feb., 1880.



ton and Miss Alice Merrill Gardner gathered at Trinity Episcopal Church for their wedding, which was solemnized at 8:30 o'clock by the rector, Dr. Frederick Clampett. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Gardner, and the groom the son of E. M. Preston of Nevada City, who has served the State as Senator and was so prominently connected with the founding of the reform school at Ione that it was named for him.

May 31, 1919  
The decorations at the church were green and white, the chancel being a garden with palms and white lilles. The ushers were L. C. Carpenter, Robert I. Attkin and Lloyd Horton, the maid of honor Miss Bertha Gardner, and the bridesmaids Miss Nellie Lyons, Miss Estelle Patient and Miss Grace Foulds. Little Ethel Gregg was flower girl.

The bride's gown was of white lace over white satin, and the attendants wore tulle, ribbon-trimmed frocks, and carried American Beauty roses. A reception to the bridal party took place.

## AN EVENING WEDDING

5/21/08 IN TRINITY CHURCH.

The wedding of Miss Allee Gardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gardner, and Dr. Myers Albert Preston took place last night in Trinity Church, the Rev. F. W. Clampett officiating.

The bride looked charming in a wedding gown of white silk lace over silk and chiffon. She wore a necklace of pearls and a tulle veil held in place by orange blossoms. The sleeves and yoke were of accordion-pleated tulle, and a garniture of pearls gave a charming touch to the pretty frock. She carried a shower bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley. Her maid of honor was Miss Bertha Gardner, and Miss Nellie Lyons, Miss Estelle Patiant and Miss Grace Foulde acted as bridesmaids. Miss Ethel Gregg was flower girl. The best man was Frank Jones and the ushers Robert Aitken, Lloyd Horton and John Carpenter.

After the church ceremony a reception was held at the bride's parents' home, 603 Baker street.

## CRAZY CHINESE TRIES TO SLAY POLICEMAN.

Patrolman David Murphy Has Narrow Escape While Showing Tourists

## Through Chinatown.

Policeman David Murphy narrowly escaped death last night at the hands of an opium-crazed Chinese in the old Palace Hotel on Jackson street. A Chinese suddenly confronted him and placed a revolver against his stomach. The policeman grabbed the weapon, and after a struggle disarmed his assailant and placed him under arrest.



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87. III. FLORENCE ADELLE, b. 4 Sept., 1881; d. 21 March, 1883.
88. IV. JENNIE HAWLEY, b. 25 March, 1881.
89. V. OLIVE DEA, b. 1 April, 1886.
90. VI. CLARA B., b. 20 Dec., 1887.

[80.] BENJAMIN<sup>8</sup> T. K. PRESTON completed a course of studies at the Union High School at Ann Arbor in 1866, and then entered the State University at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated in 1871, with the degree of A. B. In 1873, accompanied by his wife, he went to California and located at Nevada City where, for a time, he was principal of the High School. Afterwards he was successively publisher and editor of the Truckee *Republican*, the Stockton *Herald* and the Fresno *Expositor*. He was afterwards employed on the San Francisco dailies, and was for four years in the employ of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco. At the present time he is Secretary of the Preston School of Industry located at Ione, California.

Benjamin T. K. Preston and Lucy (daughter of Alfred and Frances Nordman Killam), were married 25 Dec., 1872, at the residence of the bride's brother, Lewis C. Killam, at Moulton, Iowa. They had:

91. I. EDWARD KILLAM, born at Nevada City, 23 Oct., 1873.

Lucy Killam was born at Marengo, Mich., 25 Sept., 1847. She died at Nevada City, California, 29 April, 1874.

Benjamin married (second) Susie N. Tincker, 26 March, 1897, at San Jose, California. Susie was born in Maine, 1874.

They had:

92. II. MADELINE LOUISE, born at Ione, Cal., 5 March, 1898.

[91.] EDWARD<sup>9</sup> K. PRESTON received his early education in the public schools of San Francisco, and took a course of athletic training at the Olympic Club. He afterwards graduated from the Union High School, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and took a partial course in electrical engineering at the State University. This was followed by one or two years' experience of farm life, with his uncle at Grass Lake, after which he returned to California and entered the service of the Nevada County Electric Power Company, being now in charge of their office at Grass Valley.



[35.] JULIA ANN<sup>7</sup> PRESTON and David C. Raymond were married at the residence of Capt. Roswell Preston in Freedom, Mich., 26 May, 1836. They had:

- 93. I. MARVIN PRESTON, b. 24 May, 1837. *d 18 Sep 1862.*
- 94. II. WALDEN W., b. 27 Oct., 1840.
- 95. III. ALMA G., b. at Dexter, 15 May, 1845. *M. Francis Walker, d 16 Sept 1868*
- 96. IV. DE WITT D., b. at Danville, 18 Aug., 1848.
- 97. V. ELMER J., b. at Danville, 4 Mar., 1854. *d. at Sharon 1 May 1902*

David C. Raymond was born in Orange County, N. Y., 13 Dec., 1803, emigrated with his father's family, to Michigan in 1833 and settled in the township of Freedom. After his marriage he resided for a time at Dexter, Mich., where he was proprietor of a shoe store. About 1847 he purchased and worked a farm near Danville, Ingham County Mich. He died 13 March, 1869.

Julia Ann<sup>7</sup> Preston, when her father's family emigrated to Michigan, in 1833, remained at Hampton to nurse her invalid sister, Mrs. Mary (Preston) Comins. Mary lived but a few weeks after the departure of her parents. After her death Julia Ann, accompanied by her deceased sister's husband, Edmond Comins, went west and joined her father's family in Michigan. Mr. Comins, after a short visit, returned to his home in Connecticut.

~~Julia Ann (Preston) Raymond died 21 March, 1883.~~

[93.] MARVIN PRESTON RAYMOND enlisted first in 1861 in the 16th Regiment of Ohio Volunteers, for three month's service in the Union Army. After his discharge he re-enlisted as a private for three years, or during the war, in Company I, of Col. Berdan's Sharp Shooters and was assigned to McClellan's Brigade. He participated in the battles of Painesville, South Mountain and Antietam and for gallantry was promoted to the rank of sergeant. During the battle of Antietam his superior officers were all killed or disabled and he was placed in command of his company, and was ordered to cross the Potomac at Blackmer's Ford, to dislodge the Confederates from their rifle pits on the opposite shore. During this gallant charge he was killed by a bullet from the rifle of one the enemy's sharpshooters. His body was recovered from the river by his comrades and buried among the unknown dead in the National Cemetery at Antietam.



Had he lived another week he would have been commissioned lieutenant for gallantry in battle, as the order had already been made for the signing of his commission. The date of his death was 18 Sept., 1862.

[94.] WALDEN W. RAYMOND enlisted 10 Sept., 1862, in Co. E of Seventh Regiment of Michigan Cavalry, and was assigned to Custer's Brigade. From June, 1863, until the surrender of Lee, in April, 1865, his regiment participated in sixty-two engagements with the enemy. Walden fought in fifty of those battles. His horse was shot from under him at the battle of Gettysburg and before he could again overtake his company he had missed five battles. While running to overtake his company he was so closely pursued by the enemy that he fell to the ground and feigned death to avoid being made a prisoner. The Confederates, however, were driven back by the Union forces and Walden was rejoiced to find himself again within the Union lines. He secured another horse and in less than a month that horse was shot from under him, being pierced by two bullets.

De Forest Litchfield, who was also a soldier in the Union Army, states that, among army men, Walden had the reputation of being one of the most fearless and effective soldiers in the cavalry service.

Walden received an honorable discharge at the close of the war; returned to Michigan, married and settled on a farm in Ingham County and enjoys the reputation of having one of the best equipped farms in his section the county.

[95.] ~~ALMA G. RAYMOND~~ married Francis L. Walker.

~~She died 16 Sept., 1866.~~

[96.] ~~DE WITT D. RAYMOND is a contractor and resides at Lansing, Mich. Is married and has a married daughter and one grandchild.~~

[97.] ELMER J. RAYMOND married, first, Ida Doan, 14 Feby., 1881, at Chelsea, Mich. They had:

98. I. EDNA, a daughter, born in Mich.

They went to California in 1883 for the benefit of Ida's health. Ida (Doan) Raymond died at Live Oak, Cal., 27 Sept., 1884. Elmer, with his daughter, then returned to Michigan.



Elmer J. Raymond married (second) Estelle (Kendall) States, 30 Jany., 1894, at Mason, Mich., and ~~now resides on~~ the Kendall farm in Sharon, Washtenaw Co., Mich.

[36.] SABRINA<sup>7</sup> PRESTON married Richard Ayers, 10 Dec., 1840, at the residence of Jacob Preston in Freedom, Mich.

Richard and Sabrina (Preston) Ayers resided for a time in Sharon, Mich., where they had:—

99. I. MARY JERUSHA, b. 26 Sept., 1843; d. 5 Jan., 1862.

100. II. ALFONZO, b. 14 Aug., 1846; d. 1 Dec., 1846.

101. III. WILLIAM L., b. 14 Nov., 1847.

After leaving Sharon the family resided at several places and is now located on a farm at Elbridge, Oceana Co., Mich.

Richard Ayers ~~was~~ born in the State of New York, 17 Oct., 1806. ~~He~~ died 20 March, 1898.

*Elbridge* Sabrina (Preston) Ayers, died 28 March, 1898.

[101.] WILLIAM L. AYERS and Lydia Holmes were married 3 Dec., 1874, at Hamlin, Mich. *Reside at Hamlin, Mich.*

They had:—

102. I. ORLA L., b. 21 Dec., 1875.

103. II. ORVIL J., b. 14 Aug., 1882.

104. III. OLENA (dau.), b. 14 Aug., 1882.

They reside at ~~Elbridge~~, Mich.

*Dear*



## BURIAL PLACES.

Kingsbury

In the old North burying-ground near Hampton, Connecticut, are to be found the oldest of any of the tombstones that mark the final resting place of the descendants of Roger<sup>1</sup> Preston. The oldest inscription is:

“John Presson, died 23 July, 1733, in ye 49 year of his age.”

[ NOTE.—The family name was often spelled “Presson” previous to 1750.]

“Sarah Preston, ye wife of Left. Jacob Preston, died April 14, 1751, in ye 43d year of her age.”

Near these are two other stones, one of which reads “Mr. John Presson,” the other “Sarah Preston, 1751.” These latter were once believed to mark the resting places of the old Narragansett soldier and his wife Sarah. They, however, may have been footstones to the first mentioned graves, *which have been soon misplaced*

### BIGELOW CEMETERY.

On 23 November, 1815, Uriah Litchfield of Hampton deeded to Capt. Roswell Preston and fifteen others, and to their heirs forever, the Bigelow burying-ground, comprising two-thirds of an acre of land with the “privilege to pass and repass to and from said piece of land north of my dwelling house.” The Bigelow cemetery is located midway between the town of Hampton Hill and the Preston homestead, on the west side of the Appaquay, or Little river, a half mile to the northward from the Bigelow school house. In 1897, I copied inscriptions there as follows:

“Mrs. Mary, wife of Mr. Samuel Butt who died Dec. 15, 1767, in ye 61st year of her age.”

“In memory of Samuel Butt, who died April 11, 1791, in ye 81<sup>th</sup> year of his age.”

“Chloe, daughter of Jacob and Mary Preston, died July 25th, 1784.”

“Ambrose, son of Jacob and Mary Preston, died Nov. 21, 1793, in 20th year of his age.”

“Mary, consort of Mr. Jacob Preston, died April 18, 1795.”

“Lieut. Jacob Preston, died Nov. 5, 1806, aged 74.”



"Mrs. Mehitable Preston, wife of Lieut Jacob Preston, died March 29, 1826, aged 86 years."

"Mrs. Mary Comins, wife of Edmond Comins, died July 26, 1833, daughter of Capt. Roswell Preston."

The following inscription from a stone placed in that cemetery by Capt. Roswell Preston has since been forwarded to me:

"In memory of widow Ann Eaton, relict of Mr. Joshua Eaton, formerly of Ashford, who died Sept. 5, 1807, in the 88 year of her age."

"The sweet remembrance of the just  
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust."

All of these tombstones, except the marble monument at Mary Comins' grave, are of blue slate rock and are fairly well preserved, except that the letters are worn and partly covered with lichens.

#### THE FREEDOM CEMETERY.

It is located on the farm originally owned by Edward Litchfield in the township of Freedom, county of Washtenaw, Michigan. In that cemetery are marble headstones, with dates of death as follows:

Capt. Roswell Preston, 16 July, 1836; his widow Mehitable Preston, 27 Nov., 1854; Jacob Preston, 30 Sept., 1881; his wife Lucy, 26 Feb., 1846; his second wife Lucina, 16 March, 1859; his sons Norman, 10 Aug., 1848, and Abner E., 12 Feb., 1852; Chloe (Preston) Kendall, 11 Nov., 1841, and her son Nathan Preston Kendall, 29 June, 1848.



William Butt and Elinor Hoppin name  
married May 1<sup>st</sup> 1632 in Parish of Swell, County  
of Somerset, England. (See published records of  
Inquisitions of Parishes of Swell) see No. 5, line 8. 9. 1

## BUTT ANCESTRY.

RICHARD<sup>1</sup>, SAMUEL<sup>2</sup>, SAMUEL<sup>3</sup>, MARY<sup>4</sup>, (M LIEUT. JACOB PRESTON).

RICHARD<sup>1</sup> BUTT, a native of England, settled at Dorchester, Mass., as early as 1675, where, by his wife Deliverance, he had nine children. The town records give the births in detail, showing that Nathaniel,<sup>2</sup> the eldest, was born 2 Dec., 1670; Samuel<sup>2</sup> on 1 March., 1673-4, and Mary, the youngest, 18 March, 1682. Stephen<sup>1</sup> and Hannah (Makepeace<sup>3</sup>) Hoppin, of Dorchester, had a daughter, Deliverance, who was born in 1648. Modern authorities state that she became the wife of Richard Butt.★ The dates are all consistent with this statement. On the other hand the church records read: "The 26, 3(16)78 was the wife of Richard Butt baptized, being lately admitted a member, and ye same time her children were also baptized, whose names are: Smith Woodward, Nathaniel, Sherebiah, Samuel and Elizabeth." With this record for its authority Savage's Genealogical Dictionary asserts that the wife of Richard Butt had been widow Deliverance Woodward, "though name and residence of her are unknown." It states, further, that she died 22 July, 1699, aged 74 years, which would make her 45 years of age when her son Nathaniel was born, and 57 years of age when her daughter Mary was born.

On 30 July, 1690, Richard Butt executed his will because he was "going forth a soldier in the present expedition against the French," i. e., the abortive crusade against Quebec. This is the last record which we find of Richard. His wife, Deliverance, was named as executrix. His two eldest sons, Nathaniel and Samuel, were not mentioned in the document. The will was probated in 1694, and in 1699 Sherebiah Butt succeeded his mother as administrator of the estate.

SAMUEL<sup>2</sup>, son of Richard<sup>1</sup> and Deliverance Butt, was born at Dorchester, Mass., 1 March, 1673-4.

Sarah<sup>3</sup>, daughter of Samuel<sup>3</sup> and Mary<sup>2</sup> (Davenport<sup>2</sup>) Maxfield, was born at Dorchester, 1 July, 1680.

★ Stephen Hoppin whose will was proved in Dorchester  
9 May 1678, makes the following legacies:-  
"To my son-in-law, Richard Butt, I give my  
wearing implements."

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Samuel<sup>2</sup> Butt and Sarah Maxfield were married 11 June, 1701, at Dorchester by Rev. John Danforth. They settled at Canterbury, Conn., where they had:

1. SAMUEL<sup>3</sup>, born at Canterbury, 30 Nov., 1707. (See Canterbury records.)

Sarah, wife of Samuel<sup>2</sup> Butt Sr., died at Canterbury 27 Aug., 1727.

Samuel<sup>2</sup> Butt Sr. died at Canterbury, 30 May, 1747.

SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> BUTT JR., and Mary (Cleveland), widow of Richard<sup>4</sup> Adams, were married 8 January, 1735-6. They resided at Canterbury, where they had:

I. MARY, b. 28 April, 1739; m. Lieut. Jacob Preston.

II. SAMUEL<sup>4</sup>, b. 20 Dec., 1742; was a Revolutionary soldier.

III. JOHN<sup>4</sup>, b. 1 March, 1745; was a Revolutionary soldier.

IV. JAMES<sup>4</sup>, b. 14 June, 1748.

V. HANNAH, b. 8 Aug. 1750.

Mary, wife of Samuel<sup>3</sup> Butt Jr., died at Canterbury, 16 Dec., 1767, aged 60 years.

Samuel<sup>3</sup> Butt Jr., died at Canterbury, 11 April, 1791.

Deacon Samuel<sup>4</sup> Butt and John<sup>4</sup> Butt were neighbors of Capt. Roswell Preston, near Hampton, as late as 1818. [See p. 18.] This is the latest trace that I have been able to find of any of the descendants of Richard<sup>1</sup> by the name of Butt.



## EATON ANCESTRY.

JOHN<sup>1</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, JOSHUA<sup>4</sup>, MEHITABLE<sup>5</sup>,  
(<sup>4</sup> Wm. KNOWLTON.)

JOHN<sup>1</sup> EATON and (widow) Abigail Damon were married at St. James Church, Dover, Eng., 5 April, 1630. They had three children at Dover: Mary, born, 1631; John Jr., and Thomas, born, 1634. Mary and John Jr. were christened in St. James' church. A few months later John Jr. was buried from that church.

Mrs. Abigail Eaton, with her children, Mary and Thomas, embarked in April, 1635, on the ship "Elizabeth and Ann" for New England. The name of John<sup>1</sup> Eaton does not appear on that ship's passenger list, and yet John took the "freeman's oath" at Watertown, Mass., 25 May, 1636. Abigail, his wife, was a member of the church at Watertown. They had a son, John<sup>2</sup> Jr., born at Watertown about 1636. In 1637 the family moved to Dedham, Mass., where John<sup>1</sup> Sr. died 17 Nov., 1658.

JOHN<sup>2</sup> JR. married Alice ——— and lived at Dedham, where he had a family of eight children, born on dates ranging from 1665 to 1687. Four of his sons lived to maturity, married, and left a numerous posterity.

THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, son of John<sup>2</sup> and Alice Eaton, born at Dedham, Mass., 23 July, 1675, and Lydia, daughter of Nathaniel Gay, were married at Dedham, 5 Oct., 1697. They resided first at Roxbury, Mass., where three children were born to them. Previous to 1704 they settled at Woodstock, Conn., where six additional children were born. They finally settled at Ashford, Conn. Thomas<sup>3</sup> was, by occupation, both blacksmith and farmer. He died at Ashford, 14 Aug., 1748.

JOSHUA<sup>4</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>3</sup> and Lydia Eaton, was born at Woodstock, 24 Sept., 1709. Joshua<sup>4</sup> Eaton and Ann Woodcock were married, 15 Dec., 1737. They resided at Ashford, Conn., where they had:

I. MEHITABLE, b. 17 Oct., 1740; m. (1st) William Knowlton; (2d) Jacob Preston.

From record kept by Anna Woodcock-Eaton

1 Anna b 20 Nov 1738 - d 20 Dec 1740

2 Mehitable b Oct 17- 1740

3 Samuel b 14 Dec 1742

4 Ann b Ashford 11 Oct 1747 d 14 Nov 1780

Joshua Eaton " my honored deceased first wife deceased 27-1785-76 years  
a good and Eaton was born in Connecticut under God  
in his long life he died 193 miles & 80



II. ANN, b. 20 Nov., 1728; d. 17 Oct., 1740.

III. SAMUEL, b. 14 Nov., 1742.

IV. ANN, the second, b. 11 Oct., 1749.

Joshua<sup>4</sup> Eaton died at Ashford, 27 March, 1785.

His wife, Ann, born at Dedham, Mass., 24 Feb., 1720, was daughter of Samuel and Ann (Herring) Woodcock, who were married at Dedham, 12 Feb., 1719. Ann Herring, born 12 July, 1695, was daughter of Thomas and Mehitable Herring, of Dedham.

"Ann Woodcock Eaton rode as a physician in diseases in general and officiated at 1931 births."

This quotation is a literal copy from the Eaton family records, which were in the possession of Jacob Preston, of Grass Lake, 1879. On 8 January, 1806, widow Ann Eaton went to Hampton, to reside with her grand-daughter, Mehitable, wife of Capt. Roswell Preston, at a stipulated rate of four shillings per week for her maintenance. She died 5 Sept., 1807. *See page 17.*

Mehitable, daughter of Joshua and Ann Eaton, married (1st) William Knowlton, by whom she had a daughter, Mehitable, who married Roswell Preston. William Knowlton died 9 Jan'y., 1784. His widow married (2d) Lieut. Jacob Preston, of Hampton, 25 Jany., 1798. She died at the residence of her son-in-law, Capt. Roswell Preston, at Hampton, 25 March, 1826.



## KNOWLTON ANCESTRY.

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WILLIAM<sup>1</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, NATHANIEL<sup>4</sup>, NATHANIEL<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>6</sup>,  
WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, MEHITABLE<sup>8</sup>, (M CAPT. ROSWELL PRESTON.)

CAPT. WILLIAM KNOWLTON and Ann Elizabeth Smith were married in England about 1609. In 1632, with their four children, they sailed for America in a ship commanded by Capt. William Knowlton and of which he was a part owner. Capt. Knowlton died during the voyage and was buried at Shelburne, Nova Scotia. His family subsequently settled at Ipswich, Mass.

2. JOHN<sup>2</sup>, son of William<sup>1</sup> and Ann E. Knowlton, born 1610, and Margery Wilson, a native of England, were married about 1632. They resided at Ipswich and had three children. John<sup>2</sup> was a shoemaker; became a citizen in 1639; took the oath of allegiance 9 June, 1641, and died 8 Oct., 1654, 5.

5. JOHN<sup>3</sup>, son of John<sup>2</sup> and Margery Knowlton, born at Ipswich, 1633, married Sarah Whipple 3 July, 1661. Sarah was daughter of John and Sarah Whipple, of Ipswich. John<sup>3</sup> and Sarah Knowlton resided at Ipswich, where they had ten children. John<sup>3</sup> was a shoemaker, was drafted into the Narraganset expedition in 1670, took the freeman's oath 16 Oct., 1680, moved to Wrentham in 1679, and died Oct. —, 1684.

19. NATHANIEL<sup>4</sup>, born at Ipswich 24 July, 1658-9, was the fifth child of John<sup>3</sup> and Sarah Knowlton. He married Deborah Jewett 2 May, 1682. Deborah was daughter of Benjamin and Deborah Jewett. Nathaniel<sup>4</sup> was a Commoner in 1697, and a deputy of the General Court from 1700 to 1720. He died 18 Sept., 1726.

Nathaniel and Deborah Knowlton had seven children, the eldest being:

74. NATHANIEL<sup>5</sup>, born at Ipswich, 3 May, 1683. He married Mary Bennett 13 Feb., 1703, resided at Ipswich, and had seven children. His second child was:

197. WILLIAM<sup>6</sup>, born at Ipswich 8 Feb., 1706.

William<sup>6</sup> Knowlton and Martha Pindar, of Boxford, were married



in 1800 in our family spelled and organized Cap-

"My Great Grand father, <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>1783</sup> <sup>1784</sup> <sup>1785</sup> <sup>1786</sup> <sup>1787</sup> <sup>1788</sup> <sup>1789</sup> <sup>1790</sup> <sup>1791</sup> <sup>1792</sup> <sup>1793</sup> <sup>1794</sup> <sup>1795</sup> <sup>1796</sup> <sup>1797</sup> <sup>1798</sup> <sup>1799</sup> <sup>1800</sup> <sup>1801</sup> <sup>1802</sup> <sup>1803</sup> <sup>1804</sup> <sup>1805</sup> <sup>1806</sup> <sup>1807</sup> <sup>1808</sup> <sup>1809</sup> <sup>1810</sup> <sup>1811</sup> <sup>1812</sup> <sup>1813</sup> <sup>1814</sup> <sup>1815</sup> <sup>1816</sup> <sup>1817</sup> <sup>1818</sup> <sup>1819</sup> <sup>1820</sup> <sup>1821</sup> <sup>1822</sup> <sup>1823</sup> <sup>1824</sup> <sup>1825</sup> <sup>1826</sup> <sup>1827</sup> <sup>1828</sup> <sup>1829</sup> <sup>1830</sup> <sup>1831</sup> <sup>1832</sup> <sup>1833</sup> <sup>1834</sup> <sup>1835</sup> <sup>1836</sup> <sup>1837</sup> <sup>1838</sup> <sup>1839</sup> <sup>1840</sup> <sup>1841</sup> 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13 Feb., 1728. Martha was a lineal descendant of the Pynders of Lincoln county, England, who were granted a coat of arms in 1538, as appears from the records in the Herald's College, London. (See p. 49, Knowlton Ancestry.) She was a granddaughter of John Pynder, of Pynder, England, and a great-granddaughter of Henry and Mary Pynder, who sailed from England for America in 1635 in the ship "Susan and Ellen." She survived her first husband and married (2d) Col. Dean, of Taunton. William<sup>6</sup> Knowlton was a housewright. He resided at West Boxford until 1748 when he moved to Ashford, Conn. His name does not appear on the church records, yet he is said to have been a liberal supporter of the church. He died at Ashford 13 March, 1753, and <sup>and Martha married (2d) Col. Dean of</sup> ~~number and enjoyed them.~~ William<sup>6</sup> and Martha (Pindar) Knowlton had:

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- 421. LUCY, died young.
- 422. LUCY, b. 20 Feb., 1736; m. Abijah Brooks.
- 423. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, b. 23 Dec., 1738; m. Mehitable Eaton.
- 424. DANIEL, b. 23 Dec., 1738.
- 425. THOMAS, b. 30 Nov., 1740; m. Anna Keys.
- 426. NATHANIEL, b. 9 May, 1746; died young.
- 427. MARY, b. 9 May, 1746; m. Ezekiel Tiffany.
- 428. SARAH, b. — —; m. Joshua Kendall of Ashford.
- 429. PRISCILLA, b. — —; unmarried.

(423.) WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, b. at West Boxford, Mass., 23 Dec., 1738; and Mehitable Eaton (see p. 43) born at Ashford, Conn., 17 Oct., 1740, were married about 1759. They resided at Ashford, where they had nine children:

(1032.) JOSHUA, b. 21 Oct., 1760.  
 (1033.) HARNEY, b. 12 Nov., 1762; m. a Miss Wheeler.  
 (1034.) FANELIA (dau.), b. 2 Feb., 1765; m. — Wheeler, resided  
 in N. Y.  
 (1035.) WILLIAM<sup>8</sup>, b. 1 January, 1767.  
 (1036.) STEPHEN, b. 10 Nov., 1768; m. Eunice Swan.  
 (1037.) ACISAIH, b. 29 Aug., 1772.  
 (1038.) MEHITABLE<sup>8</sup>, b. 27 April, 1774; m. Roswell Preston.  
 (1039.) EPHRAIM, b. 27 April, 1774; d. 6 April, 1797.  
 (1040.) ANN, b. — —; married — Delamater; lived in N. Y.  
 (423.) WILLIAM<sup>7</sup>, died at Ashford 9 Jan., 1784. His widow,

George Preston

1754 or 1755"



The Knowlton Genealogy states that WILLIAM KNOWLTON (#197), born at Ipswich, Mass. Feb. 8th. 1706 married Martha Pindar of Boxford, Mass.

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The Preston family records, in tracing the Knowlton ancestry of the Preston family, state that this particular WILLIAM KNOWLTON married a daughter of ~~XXXXXX~~ SAMUEL CHANDLER of Woodstock Connecticut, who, with his brother John of Worcester, were original grantees of certain Colonial lands in New Scituate (now West Ashford) Conn. Among the old documents in possession of ~~the~~ the Preston family are 15 or more copies of old deeds showing the transfers that Samuel and John Chandler made of the lands mentioned, previous to the year 1754. The careful preservation of those old documents lends plausibility of the claim of a Chandler ancestry for the Preston family.

Yet there is nothing in the deeds referred to that appears to throw any light upon the subject of my inquiry. On the other hand, all of the other items of our genealogy of that period have, on investigation, been found to be strictly correct. *and to agree with records in original documents*



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INCORPORATED 1876.

E. M. PRESTON, PRESIDENT.  
J. T. MORGAN, CASHIER.  
D. E. MORGAN, ASST CASHIER

Nevada City, California, April 29th. 1902.

Hon. D. A. Baker,

Family papers, &c, would soon verify many such names as the  
of kin-ship between the Chandlers and the Prestons.

On the other hand, the Knowlton genealogy states that

William Knowlton married Martha Pinder, and that on the decease of  
William his widow married Col. Dean.

If ~~true~~ you will kindly assist me in determining these  
points or will direct me to some other reliable source of informa-  
tion you will confer a great favor and I shall be glad to repay  
you for your time and trouble.

Thanking you in advance for such attention as you may be  
able to give to my request I remain sincerely yours,

*John D. Baker*



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D. E. MORGAN, ASS'T CHASHER

Sacramento City, California, April 29th, 1902.

Hon. D. A. Baker,  
Town Clerk, Ashford,

Dear sir:-

With grateful recollection of past favors received at your hands I again take the liberty of writing you for the purpose of deciding a controverted point in genealogy.

Records left to me by my father state that William, the father of Col. Thomas Knowlton, married the daughter of Hon. Samuel Chandler. The Chandlers, Knowltons and Eatons were all more or less interested in the "New Scituate lands" in West Ashford, and from the 20 or more Chandler deeds that have been preserved among our less interested in the "new scituate lands" in West Ashford, and from the 20 or more Chandler deeds that have been preserved among our family papers, it would seem that there must have been some line of kin-ship between the Chandlers and the Prestons.

On the other hand, the Knowlton genealogy states that William Knowlton married Martha Pinter, and that on the decease of William his widow married Col. Dean.

If you will kindly assist me in determining these points or will direct me to some other reliable source of information you will confer a great favor and I shall be glad to repay you for your time and trouble.

Thanking you in advance for such attention as you may be able to give to my request I remain sincerely yours,



Dear Mr. Garrison, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1802

Mr. Bass Garrison.

Dear Sir, I have made a search of our  
records in relation to finding that record book given  
at the time of the settling up of the New-England Anti-Slavery Society,  
and a very exhaustive search of our records, and have been unable to find  
that family was looked up. I have written to have a short time since  
in New-England, and find that record book, and it is still preserved in the  
same family, still in family record.  
Very respectfully, & with much respect,  
John Bass Garrison, Esq.

Dear Mr. Garrison, I have the honor to thank you for your  
kind letter, and to assure you that we are very anxious to have  
you come to New-England, and to have you speak at our Anti-Slavery  
meeting, which will be held in Boston, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, 1802.



Of Pommet Center, Conn. Sept. 2d, 1802.

The second daughter (Rhoda) of Benjamin Abbott and Rhoda (Chandler)

Abbott, married Daniel Knowlton of Concord, N.H. Rhode Abbott, b. 10/24/

1700. (Chandler lineage) - Nathan,<sup>6</sup> Nathan,<sup>5</sup> John,<sup>4</sup> John,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> William.) Henry Eccles Charader, (Lowie<sup>6</sup> - Abijah<sup>5</sup> - Daniel<sup>4</sup> - Joseph<sup>3</sup> -

John, -William. - (b) born Sept 10, 1850, lives in New Nicholville, N.Y.

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Die kleine, häusliche (Kinder-) Erziehung kann - ohne College Chancen - nicht aus.

William, ) BORN at LUTGERS Lane, CANADA West, MARRIED MARIA PRESTON, at  
CANTON, U.S.A. TUESDAY,

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Stevens Chandler. (William, -Thomas, -William, -). born 15 Dec. 1725, at Andover, Mass. Married at Andover, Mass. Ashford, Conn. 1st. Alice Snow, &c. Mass. Princeton, June, 1767, &c. Sarah Lewis (or Rogers). June 15, 1780.

The Chandler family of which I have a copy are the descendants of William and Anne Chandler, who settled in Roxbury, Mass. in 1627.

Besides these, there were several others (Chandlers) who settled in New England:— Edmund Chandler, in Duxbury,—John Chandler, in Boston,—Roger Chandler, in Concord, Mass., and William Chandler, with a large family, in Newbury, Mass. These families were all in this country before 1640.

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Mehitable, married (second) Lieut. Jacob Preston of Hampton, Conn. (See p. 12.) *and text as far as now*<sup>6</sup>

[NOTE.—The marginal numbers are copied as they appear in the volume of The Knowlton Ancestry.]

Two of the uncles of Mehitable, wife of Capt. Roswell Preston, served as soldiers both in the Colonial and in the Revolutionary wars.

LIEUT. DANIEL<sup>7</sup> KNOWLTON (424) enlisted first in 1757 to fight in the French and Indian wars. He often served as a scout. In the expedition to Fort Edward, in 1757, he saved the life of Gen. Israel Putnam by shooting an Indian who was in the act of tomahawking him. He was a sergeant in Capt. Durkee's company, 1761; was with Lyman's regiment at Crown Point in 1762; in the Lexington Alarm of 1775; at the battle of Flatbush Pass, 1776; and in the battle of Harlem Heights, 16 Sept., 1776, when his brother, Col. Thomas Knowlton, was killed; and was Lieut. in Capt. Durkee's company of Matrosses, 1782.

(424) COL. THOMAS<sup>7</sup> KNOWLTON, at the age of sixteen, accompanied his brother Daniel in the campaign which terminated in the conquest of Canada. He had a narrow escape from death while fighting Indians at Wood Creek, 1758, and was at the capture of Ticonderoga in 1759. He was at the siege of Havana, and was commissioned Lieutenant, 1762. In 1774 he was chosen Captain of the Ashford minute men and led this company in his heroic defense of Breed's Hill, at the battle of Bunker Hill, 16 June, 1775. His company was selected by Washington as his body guard. He became Major and subsequently acting Colonel of the Twentieth Regiment, of which he was Paymaster. He was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel 12 Aug., 1776. A few days later, by skillful strategy, he saved his regiment from capture after the disastrous defeat at Long Island. Soon after this engagement the regiment of Knowlton's Rangers was organized from picked men from various regiments, with Col. Thomas Knowlton in command. This regiment became Washington's body-guard, receiving their orders directly from him. At the battle of Harlem Heights, New York, 16 Sept., 1776, in which the Americans defeated a much larger force of the British, Col. Knowlton's regiment was in the thickest of the fight. During this battle Col. Knowlton fell, mortally wounded. He died a few hours later. His statue, in marble, now adorns the grounds of the State Capitol at Hartford, Conn.



## RAYMOND ANCESTRY.

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EPHRAIM RAMUNG was a native of France. He, with three of his brothers, sailed to America and settled in the colony of New York. Ephraim had a son, Samuel, who was born 1740. Samuel Raymond married Froena Agnes ——, about 1765. They settled in Dutchess county, New York, where they had:

I. DAVID, b. 18 Nov., 1767.

The family afterwards moved to Benton, in Yates county. Captain Samuel Raymond was in command of a company of militia during the Revolutionary War and afterwards commanded a boat that sailed on the Hudson river between New York and Albany. He died 19 March, 1821, aged 81 years.

Froena Agnes Raymond, his widow, died at Benton, Yates county, New York, 22 May, 1822, aged 82 years.

David, son of Samuel Raymond, and Mary Baily were married 26 Jan., 1796. Mary was born 15 April, 1777. Her mother was Barbary Bailey, of whom it is recorded that, although of Irish descent, yet "she was married to a Yank."

David and Mary (Baily) Raymond lived in Benton, Yates county, N. Y., where they had:

I. AYERS, b. 4 May, 1797; m. Sannahtha Tubbs, 10 Feb., 1819; d. 1821.

II. MARTHA, b. 18 June, 1798; m. Elipha Peckens; d. 5 Nov., 1886.

III. SAMUEL BAILY, b. 1 April, 1800; m. Charlotte Sweet, 28 Nov., 1822; d. 1 Sept., 1887.

IV. BETSY, b. 28 Jan., 1802; d. 15 Sept., 1889; unmarried.

V. DAVID C., b. 13 Dec., 1803; m. Julia Ann Preston, 26 May, 1836; d. 13 March, 1869.

VI. JAMES G., b. 18 Jan., 1806; d. 16 Dec., 1893; unmarried.

VII. CYRUS, b. 14 May, 1808; m. Lorena Dickensen, 20 June, 1833; d. 9 Feb., 1896.



VIII. ANGELINE, b. 17 July, 1810; m. William Preston, 4 Feb., 1836; d. 21 March, 1883.

IX. NANCY JANE, b. 10 July, 1813; d. 3 May, 1897; unmarried.

X. MARY ANN, b. 26 Aug., 1817; d. 1 Sept., 1869; unmarried.

David Raymond, accompanied by his wife and children, excepting Martha and Ayers, emigrated to Michigan in 1833, and settled on a farm in the township of Freedom, Washtenaw county, in the same neighborhood as Capt Roswell Preston. That farm became the permanent residence of the parents and unmarried children. Cyrus and Samuel each owned farms in the adjoining town of Sharon. David C. lived for a time at Dexter, Mich., and afterwards purchased a farm in Ingham county.

Barbary Baily died at the residence of David Raymond in Freedom, 1845, aged 95 years.

Mary Bailey, wife of David Raymond, died 15 March, 1856.

David Raymond died 28 June, 1858, aged 90 years.



## WITTER ANCESTRY.

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WILLIAM<sup>1</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, EBENEZER<sup>3</sup>, JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, ELIJAH<sup>5</sup>, ELIZABETH<sup>6</sup>  
(M. B. T. KILLAM.)

WILLIAM<sup>1</sup> WITTER, born in Great Britain in 1584, was one of the first settlers at Lynn, Mass. His title to his land was acquired directly from the Indians, as is set forth in a deposition made by him on 16 June, 1657. The following is a copy of his affidavit:

"Black Will, or Duke William, came to my house when Thomas Dexter bought " Nahant for a suit of clothes. He (Witter) said: Black Will asked me what I would " give him for the land my house stood on, it being his land and his father's wigwam " stood thereabouts. Joseph Sagmore and John and the Sagmore of Agwam and " others; and George Sagmore, being a youth, was present. All of them acknowledging Black Will to be the owner of the land my house stood upon; and Sagmore hill " and Nahant were all his. He (Witter) adds that he bought Nahant and Sagmore " hill and Swampscol of Black Will for two pestle-stones."

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On 28 April, 1643, William Witter was presented to the Court of Salem for his conduct regarding infant baptism — he regarding it as a sinful rite. He answered humbly and confessed his ignorance and willingness, and (upon Mr. Morris, our minister, his speech) seemed to be staggered, inasmuch as he came into Court meetingly. The Court sentenced him to acknowledge his fault and to ask Mr. Corbit forgiveness in saying he spoke against his conscience, and enjoyned to be here next Court at Salem.

April 26, 1646, William Witter, of Lynn, was presented by the Grand Jury at the Court of Salem for saying that: "They who stayed at the baptism of a child do worship the Divell." Being dealt thereabout he further said that: "He who stayed at the baptism of a child do take ye name of the Father, Sonne and Holy Gost in vayne."

He was accused, also, of breaking the Sabbath, & confessed, & justified his former speech. The sentence of the Court was an injunction the next Lord's Day that he make a public confession, to satisfaction, in the open congregation at Lynn. Or else to answer it



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✓ William with <sup>Wk</sup> van Amers . . . (not Anne) or Agnes . . .

✓ <sup>Wk</sup> van Amers man 25 Feb 1662 - Elizabeth daw. Thomas  
Wheeler 13 . . . 5 Oct 1672 at Leyden -

Stonewell 3-13. 25 May 1668 ✓



at the next General Court & concerning his opinion the Court expressed their patience towards him and admonishing him till they see if he continue obstinate. Said Witter not appearing, according to order, was directed to appear at the Court of Assistants of Boston.

July 22, 1646, William Witter not appearing at Court in Boston, it is ordered that the Major-General do take order for his appearance at the next General Court of Assistants to answer for his offenses.

Sept. 19, 1651, John Clark, Obediah Holmes and John Crandall, being the representatives of the church in Newport (First Baptist), upon request of William Witter of Lynn, arrived there, he "being a brother in the Church who, by reason of his advanced age, could not undertake so great a journey to visit the Church." He lived about two miles out of Lynn and, the next day being Sunday, they spent in religious services at his house, and was there apprehended by 2 constables at the instance of the Mass authorities "for the dire offense of holding their little meeting, & on other frivolous pretexts." Obediah Holmes was fined, imprisoned and whipped.

(Copied from old records.)

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WILLIAM WITTER, the subject of the foregoing record, and the first of his line in America, married ~~Annis~~ (or Agnes) in 1635. He died at Lynn in 1659, aged 75 years.

William<sup>1</sup> and Anne Witter had:

I. JOSIAH<sup>2</sup>, b. at Lynn <sup>March</sup> about 1638.

Josiah<sup>2</sup> married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Wheeler, of Lynn, by whom he had: <sup>Mar. 25, 1662 at Lynn, Mass.</sup> ~~Josiah died at Lynn 5 Oct. 1672.~~

I. ELIZABETH, b. 15 March, 1663.

II. MARY, b. 20 February, 1665.

III. EBENEZER<sup>3</sup>, b. 25 May, 1668. (25 May)

Elizabeth, mother of the foregoing, died at Lynn, 7 Oct., 1672. Josiah<sup>2</sup> married (second) Sarah, daughter of John Crandall, by whom he had four children.

Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, son of Josiah<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth Witter, settled first on



52 *Pettsquamscut* Witter Ancestry.

1 the Pettsquamscut Purchase (now South Kingston), Rhode Island.  
2 In 1692 he moved thence to the town of Preston, Connecticut, where  
3 he purchased eight acres of land on the south slope of Wisquador  
4 Hill, bounded on the south by New London town and Poquetannock  
5 brook. On this land he erected a grist mill, which is still in  
6 operation, and which was, until 1897, in possession of his lineal  
7 descendants.

8 *is on the eastern bound of Norwich with eastern bound of*  
9 The town of Preston is seven miles east of Norwich, which was  
10 the market town of the Preston families residing at Hampton. It  
11 was incorporated in 1688, deriving its name, doubtless, from the town  
12 of Preston in England, the native place of several of the grantees, or  
13 first settlers, of the Connecticut town of Preston. One of these was  
14 the Rev. John Thompson, whose children married into the Park fam-  
15 ily. Another was Thomas<sup>2</sup> Park, whose granddaughter, Dorothy  
16 Morgan, married Ebenezer<sup>2</sup> Witter. Thomas<sup>1</sup> Rose was also one of  
17 the grantees. His granddaughter, Sarah Rose, married John Kill-  
18 lam. Thomas<sup>1</sup> Rose is described in the records as "gentleman" and  
19 the town records indicate that he was a gentleman by birth and by  
20 education. He married Hannah Allyn, *of Preston*. His son, Joseph  
21 doubtless, was the Sarah Rose who married John Killam.

Robert Park, "gentleman," in 1600, married Martha, daughter of Capt. Robert Chaplin, of Bury, Eng., by whom he had: William, Samuel and Thomas, all born in the town of Preston, England. Robert Park and his three sons sailed from the Isle of Wight for America in the ship "Arabella," 29 March, 1630, with seventy-six passengers. Robert Park was companion and secretary of John Winslow, who was also one of the passengers on the "Arabella," and who afterwards became Governor of the colony of Connecticut.

Thomas<sup>2</sup>, son of Robert Park, married Dorothy, the daughter of Rev. John Thompson of the town of Preston, by whom he had a daughter, Dorothy, *(and Alice)* *England*

Joseph, son of James Morgan, b. 29 Oct., 1646, and Dorothy, daughter of Thomas Park, b. 6 ~~May~~, 1652, were married in April, 1670. They lived at Preston, where they had:

I. DOROTHY, b. 29 Feb., 1676.

Dorothy ~~Thompson~~ Park b. 6 March 1652

Robert Park's barn at New London, Conn., was the first place of public religious worship in that settlement.



Revision and Corrections by S. Cleveland  
Town Clerk of Preston, Conn.

### Ancestry of Robert Park.

- 1-Julice Att. Parke of Gesting thorpe, Essex Eng. 1381.
- 2-Hobert " d. 1440. m. Margaret - who d 1457
- 3-John - Gentleman of Essex 1433
- 4-William Park
- 5-John Park d. 1574 m. Alice, dau. Richard Strutt.
- 6-John Park, d. 10 Mar. 1606, m. Margaret dau. (Nicholas) Morton
- 7-William - m. Hester, dau. William Strutt.
- 8-Robert<sup>1</sup> Park (of Preston, Conn) formerly of England, who refused knight hood, emigrated to America 1630 with his three sons, settled first at New London, Conn, where his barn was the first place of public worship in that settlement.
- 9-Thomas<sup>2</sup> (son of Robert<sup>1</sup> Park) m. b. in Eng about 1612, m. (before 1646) Dorothy, dau. of Rev. John and Alice Thompson of Preston, England.
- 10-Dorothy<sup>3</sup> (dau of Thos Park) b. 6 Mar (or May) 1652, m. April 1670 Joseph<sup>2</sup> Morgan (b 1646).
- 11-Dorothy<sup>4</sup>, dau of Joseph<sup>2</sup> and Dorothy<sup>3</sup> Morgan, married Ebenezer Witter 5 May 1693.

Joseph Morgan was a soldier in King Philip's Wars, b 1607, m. daughter Margaret Hill.

Preston, Conn, incorporated 1688 probably is named from Preston, Eng, the native place of Robert Park whose sons John, Thomas and Nathaniel were among the original patentees of the town site of Preston, Conn.

Thomas<sup>1</sup> Rose m. Hannah, dau of Robert Allyn of New London, Conn. Thomas died 1743 Sarah Rose (widow) mother of Sarah (Rose) Killam d. 1770 age 88

Elizabeth Geer, wife of Joseph Killam was grand-  
daughter of George Geer who m. 17 Feb 1659 Sarah dau. of  
Robert Allyn of New London, Conn. George Geer d. 1728  
aged 105 years - buried in Griswold (formerly Preston)  
cemetery. Robt Allyn d. 1606.





PAUPAC RIVER ON KILLAM HOMESTEAD



EBENEZER<sup>3</sup> WITTER and Dorothy (Park) Morgan were married 5 May, 1693. They were residents in Preston and had:

I. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, b. 12 June, 1698, besides three other sons and one daughter.

Joseph<sup>4</sup> Witter and Elizabeth ~~Horn~~ (or Geer) were married 13 Aug., 1722, lived at Preston and had:

- I. SAMUEL<sup>5</sup>, b. 28 May, 1723.
- II. JOSEPH<sup>5</sup>, b. 15 Dec., 1724.
- III. EZRA, b. 22 Jan., 1727.
- IV. HANNAH, b. 8 Oct., 1730.
- V. EBENEZER<sup>5</sup>, b. 11 Sept., 1732.
- VI. [ELIJAH<sup>5</sup>, b. 26 Sept., 1735.]
- VII. EUNICE, b. 8 Dec., 1747.

Elijah's name does not appear among the births of Joseph's<sup>4</sup> other children ~~in the town records of Preston~~. The date of his birth and his nativity are recorded, however, in the Killam family records. The town records do show that Elijah Witter conveyed to *his father, Joseph Witter*, 7 Oct., 1760, certain lands which Elijah had purchased 12 Oct., 1759 [See page 408, vol. 7, Record of Deeds, town of Preston]. The marriage records show that he was twice married in that town, of which he was a resident for a period of thirty-five years. These several records of Elijah are all consistent with each other. The dates harmonize. These, with the declaration in the deed, clearly establish the parentage of Elijah and prove him to be a lineal descendant of William<sup>1</sup> and Anne Witter, of Lynn, Massachusetts.

Elijah<sup>5</sup> Witter married (1st) Lucy Clark, 18 Nov., 1756. After the death of his first wife, Elijah married (2d) Elizabeth Storey, 29 May, 1770. Elizabeth was born 26 Sept., 1749. (Birth date is from Killiam records; marriage date from records of town of Preston.)

Soon after their marriage Elijah<sup>5</sup> and Elizabeth (Storey) Witter moved to Pennsylvania and settled on farming lands on the Paupac river in Pike county. They had a daughter, Elizabeth<sup>6</sup>, born at Paupac 3 Sept., 1773. She was the first white child born in that settlement.

Elizabeth Witter married Benjamin Tustin Killam. (See p. 56.)

After the marriage of this daughter, Elijah and his wife moved to the State of New York, where they died; Elijah in 1815, aged 80 years; and Elizabeth in 1839, aged 90 years.

*Elizabeth Geer was grand-daughter of George Geer who m. 17 Feb 1659 Sarah, daughter of Robert Allen of New London, Conn. R. Allen was b. m. 1606. George Geer died 1726 aged 105 years and is buried in (formerly Preston) cemetery.*

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## KILLAM ANCESTRY.

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[HENRY] AUSTIN<sup>1</sup>, JOHN<sup>2</sup>, SAMUEL<sup>3</sup>, JOHN<sup>4</sup>, ZADOK<sup>5</sup>, MOSES<sup>6</sup>,  
BENJAMIN T.<sup>7</sup>, LUCY<sup>8</sup>, (M. JACOB PRESTON).

Existing records show that the Kilham families had resided in the parish of Kilham, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, Eng., for eight successive generations previous to 1665. Tradition says they have been there since the days of William the Conqueror.

Henry Kilham and Alice Goodale, married 12 August, 1582, were residents of Dennington, Suffolk county, England, where the parish records mention the baptism of several of their children and of one of their grandchildren.

AUSTIN<sup>1</sup>, son of Henry and Alice (Goodale) Kilham, born at Dennington previous to 1600, married Alice —. They were residents of Dennington, Eng., where they had several children; Daniel, the eldest, being baptised in that parish in 1620. In May, 1637, Austin, with his wife and children, sailed from the port of Yarmouth for New England and landed at Salem, Mass. They lived for brief periods at Dedham and Chelmsford and, in 1638, established a permanent home at Wenham, Mass. From the wills of Austin and Alice Kilham, executed in 1667, we learn that they had three sons: Daniel, John and Lott, and three daughters: Sarah, Elizabeth and Mary. The following entries are to be found in the town records at Wenham:

“Austin Killam dyed ye 5th of ye 4th mo. 1667.”

“Alice Killam dyed ye 18: 5 mo. 1667.”

DANIEL<sup>2</sup>, eldest son of Austin Killam, m. Sarah Fairfield, lived at Wenham, had four sons, some of whose descendants settled at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, where there is now a large colony of Killams.

LOT<sup>2</sup>, son of Austin Killam, born at Wenham, 11 Sept., 1640, m. Hannah Goodale 21 May, 1666, settled at Enfield, Conn., where some of his descendants are still living.



John Kelham of Wenham hath sold unto Charles Wenham, Gott of Salem, his dwelling house in Wenham with twenty-five acres of upland thereto adjoining and twelve acres of meadow of that which was Austin Kelham's lying in the great meadow, as by deed dated 14 Nov., 1653.

*Autum Ancestry.*

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JOHN<sup>2</sup>, second son of Austin and Alice Killam, born in England, m. Alice Pickworth, lived at Wenham, Mass., where the birth of his children is recorded as follows:

"Hannah, daughter of John Kellum, borne 29 April, 1660."

"Samuel<sup>3</sup>, sonn of John Killim, borne 1 August, 1662."

"Anne, daughter of John Killam, borne the 4(1) mo. 1673."

"Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, son of John Killim, borne 3 February, 1674."

SAMUEL<sup>3</sup> KILLAM (John<sup>2</sup>, Austin<sup>1</sup>, Henry) married Deborah ——, 1694, lived at Wenham, and had:

- I. HANNAH, b. 22 March, 1695; m. John Moulton.
- II. JOHN<sup>4</sup>, b. 7 Sept., 1698; m. Sarah Rose.
- III. BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup>, b. 6 Feb., 1700.
- IV. JOSEPH<sup>4</sup>, b. 1 April, 1706.
- V. NATHANIEL<sup>4</sup>, b. 1 Sept., 1711; m. Sarah Fairfield.
- VI. ABIGAL, b. 23 March, 1714.
- VII. EBENEZER<sup>4</sup>, b. 9 May, 1719; m. Mary Gilbert.

JOHN<sup>4</sup> KILLAM (Samuel<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, Austin<sup>1</sup>) was a resident of the town of Preston, Conn., where on 5 March, 1718, he m. Sarah Rose (See p. 52). John<sup>4</sup> and Sarah (Rose) Killam had two sons, Phineas and Zadok.

Phineas<sup>5</sup>, the eldest, settled at Canterbury, Conn., where, by his wife, Thankful, he had six daughters: Olive, Sarah, Elive, Thankful, Abigail, and Esther.

ZADOK<sup>5</sup>, son of John<sup>4</sup> and Sarah Rose Killam, b. 8 Nov., 1720, was a resident of the town of Preston, where he married Hannah Button, 8 Nov., 1744. Hannah Button's probable line of ancestry was:

Matthias<sup>1</sup>, Daniel<sup>2</sup>, Matthias<sup>3</sup>, Peter<sup>4</sup>, Matthias<sup>5</sup>.

Matthias<sup>1</sup> Button, a Dutchman, resident of Boston, by his wife, Lettice, had: Daniel, born 22 Feb., 1635. Matthias<sup>1</sup> afterwards moved to Haverhill, Mass., where he died, in 1672, at an old age. His grandson, Matthias<sup>3</sup>, of Haverhill, was a member of a Massachusetts company which, in 1690, colonized the Winthrop lands, located on the east side of Little river, in Windham county, Connecticut. Peter<sup>4</sup>

[\*See Killam Genealogy, by G. S. Brown of Boston. Scrutinizing inquiry has failed to throw any discredit on this identification of John Killam of Preston.]

26-3-1654. = 1654 A.D.

Whereas John Kelham hath sold unto Charles Wenham, Gott late Deacon of Salem twenty-five acres of upland and twelve acres of meadow in Wenham, now this record testifieth that Austin Kelham and Alice, his wife, did freely consent to the sale, and the said Alice did resign her interest of her thirds in the said land, as by writing dated 26, 3<sup>mo.</sup>, under the Deputy Governor's hand appeareth.



Button, was a resident of New London, Conn. He had:

Matthias<sup>3</sup>, born at New London, 1692, who was a resident of the town of Preston and was (doubtless) father of Hannah Button, who married Zadok Killam.

[The remainder of the Killam history is from family records.]

Zadok<sup>5</sup> and Hannah Button Killam had three sons: Moses<sup>6</sup>, Silas, and Ephraim.

Moses<sup>6</sup> KILLAM, born 1747, and his wife, Mary, born 1759 (the family record reverses these dates), settled at Goshen, N. Y., where they had:

- I. BENJAMIN<sup>7</sup> TUSTIN, b. 21 June, 1781; m. Elizabeth Witter.
- II. MOSES<sup>7</sup>, b. 1783; m. Lucy Kimble.

Moses<sup>6</sup>, with his wife, Mary, and their two sons, moved to Pennsylvania previous to 1796 and settled on lands on the Paupac river, in Pike county.

Mary, wife of Moses<sup>6</sup>, died at Paupac, 16 May, 1816.

Moses<sup>6</sup>, Killam died at Paupac, 15 May, 1831, aged 84 years.

BENJAMIN<sup>7</sup> TUSTIN KILLAM and Elizabeth Witter were married at Paupac, 1797. Benjamin was a lumberman and a farmer. His possessions embraced fertile bottom lands on both sides of the Paupac river and timber lands on the adjacent mountains. During the flood waters of the springtime he and his sons floated rafts of logs down the river to Philadelphia, where the timber was sold. Fish and game were plentiful in that region and both he and his sons were experts with the rod and gun and frequently supplied his table with the delicacies of the forest and stream. The substantial dwelling and farm buildings which he erected at the beginning of the present century are still occupied and are well preserved. He was a man of piety and often officiated at local church gatherings as clergyman. Six of his children, after arriving at maturity, emigrated to the Westward and finally settled in the Territory of Michigan. A few years previous to his death he and his wife visited their kindred in Michigan, which visit afforded the only opportunity that many of his grandchildren ever had of looking upon his benevolent features. On returning to Pennsylvania he made a will bequeathing to his several heirs some portion of his estate. His son Marcus succeeded to his estate and faithfully executed the provisions of his will.



Benjamin T. Killam died at Paupac 9 May, 1856, aged 75 years. Elizabeth, his widow, died at Paupac 1 July, 1872, aged 97 years. Their children were:

I. ANNA, b. 7 March, 1798; m. Thomas Bortree, died 27 March, 1884.

II. JAMES, b. 11 May 1799; d. in Penn., —, Nov., 1800.

III. LEWIS COLLINS, b. 16 Oct., 1801; m. Elizabeth Bortree; d. 7 April, 1851.

IV. EMELINE, b. 24 Dec., 1803; m. John Bingham; d. 5 April, 1898.

V. ALFRED, b. 23 Mar., 1806; m. Frances Nordman; d. 21 Sept., 1853.

VI. ELIJAH, b. 2 June, 1808; m. Sarah Rockwell; d. 18 April, 1851.

VII. MOSES, b. 19 July, 1810; d. 3 July, 1830.

VIII. LUCY WITTER, b. 16 July, 1812; m. Jacob Preston; d. 26 Feb., 1846.

IX. MARCUS NAPOLEON BONEPARTE, b. 6 Feb., 1816; m. Nancy J. Bennett; living. d. July 24, 1902 at Paupac, Wis.

X. POLLY, b. 4 April, 1820; m. James Van Camp; d. 26 April, 1895.

ANNA, daughter of Benjamin T. and Elizabeth Killam, and Thomas Bortree, b. Feb., 1792, were married Sept., 1819. They had:

I. ESTHER ANN, b. 10 Sept., 1820; m. David W. Noble; d. 10 Nov., 1894.

II. BENJAMIN K., b. 4 Feb., 1822; m. Matilda Shouse; had 9 children.

III. MARY H., b. 7 March, 1824; m. Shay Depuy; d. 14 Feb., 1861.

IV. MARGARET JANE, b. 4 Feb., 1826; m. Ludoc van Storch; d. 26 Feb., 1850.

V. LEWIS S., b. 11 Nov., 1827; m. Eliza Marcy; lives at Toledo, Ohio.

VI. EMELINE K., b. 1 May, 1830; m. Ichabod Quimby; lives at Grand Rapids, Mich.

VII. ELIZABETH K., b. 24 May, 1832; d. 13 Dec., 1856.

VIII.-IX. LUCY B. and Lucy Preston both died young.



X. MOSES K., b. 1-1 May, 1839; m. Mary Culver. living at Grand Rapids.

Thomas Bortree died 11 Feb., 1864, aged 72 years.

EMELINE K., dau. of Thomas and Anna (Killam) Bortree, and Ichabod L. Quimby, were married 2 June, 1849. They lived at Grand Rapids, Mich., and had:

I. GEORGE L, b. 8 Nov., 1851; m. Josephine Maddock; d. 15 May, 1893.

II. CLARA S., b. 23 June, 1856.

III. ETHELYN, b. 9 Nov., 1869.

Ichabod L. Quimby, died at Grand Rapids, 24 Mar., 1889.

LEWIS<sup>8</sup> COLLINS KILLAM, b. 16 Oct., 1801, and Elizabeth Bortree, b. 4 July, 1809, were married 2 Nov., 1830. They lived at Sharon, Washtenaw Co., Mich., where they had:

I. MARGARETTA ANN<sup>9</sup>, b. 22 Feb., 1832; m. Austin Cravath.

II. ROBERT<sup>9</sup> BENJAMIN, b. 24 Jan., 1834; m. Theadate Hayden; d. April, 1877.

III. LEWIS<sup>9</sup> LEANDER, b. 25 Aug., 1835; m. Nancy C. Friend.

IV. CARLOTTE EMILY, b. 11 April, 1837.

V. TUSTIN EDWARD, b. 12 Dec., 1839; m. Susan Andrews.

VI. IRENE SOPHIAH, b. 7 July, 1842; m. Robert Compton; d. April, 1866.

VII. LUCY JANE, b. 6 May, 1845; m. Wm. Hall; lives at Los Gatos, Cal.

Lewis<sup>8</sup> Collins Killam died at Sharon, Mich., 7 April, 1851.

His widow, Elizabeth (Bortree) Killam, married (2d) Jonas Twitchell. She died in Minnesota, February, 1892.

MARGARETTA<sup>9</sup> ANN KILLAM and Austin Cravath were married 29 June, 1853. They had:

I. LEWIS KILLAM CRAVATH, b. 1854; m. Katherine Ferris, 1880.

II. MYRTILLUS CRAVATH, b. Aug., 1858; m. Clara Moore, 1884.

ROBERT<sup>9</sup> BENJAMIN KILLAM and Theadate Hayden were married Jan'y, 1858. They had:

I. NELLIE, b. 1859; d. 1875.

II. COLLINS<sup>10</sup>, b. 1869.



LEWIS<sup>9</sup> LEANDER KILLAM and Nancy C. Friend were married 14 Sept., 1859. They live at Saratoga, Minnesota, where they had:

- I. LILY EVALINE, b. 25 Jan., 1861; m. Milford Strange, 1884.
- II. NELLIE ELVINA, b. 31 Mar., 1863; m. Geo. Patterson, 1886.
- III. EMILY ESTHER, b. 28 Mar., 1869; m. Thomas Glensted, 1893.
- IV. BERTHA ELIZA, b. 8 Nov., 1873; m. Leonard Cronk, 1892.
- V. ROBERT RAY, b. 7 Nov., 1886.

TUSTIN<sup>9</sup> EDWARD KILLAM and Susan Andrews were married July, 1862. They live at Redwood Falls, Minnesota, where they had:

- I. MARY, b. Oct., 1866; m. J. V. McGetrick.
- II. WILLIAM HENRY, b. June, 1869; d. Feb., 1890.
- III. CLAUDE, b. Dec. 1875.
- IV. TUSTIN ARTHUR, b. 1881.

EMELINE<sup>8</sup>, second daughter of Benjamin<sup>7</sup> T. Killam, born during the administration of Jefferson, the third President, lived until the administration of William McKinley, the twenty-fifth President. During the Indian war of 1812, she was one of the occupants of a fort which was garrisoned by women and one man. During an Indian attack on the fort the women melted lead and made bullets while the man fired at the Indians and kept them at bay until re-enforcements arrived and the beleaguered women were rescued. She arrived at Detroit when it was a French fort and trading-post. She passed through Ann Arbor when that city consisted of but two log houses. The mistress of each house was named Ann, and this circumstance is said to be the origin of the name "Ann Arbor." She married John K. Bingham at Paupac, Penn., 9 Sept., 1822, resided for a time at Wheatland, N. Y., and then settled in the county of Washtenaw, Michigan Territory. During their residence in that county from 1826 to 1835 Mr. Bingham was a surveyor of Government lands. Jacob Preston, his future brother-in-law, was his assistant. Together they surveyed and staked out many of the section and township lines in that portion of the state. Mr. Bingham moved to Marshall in 1836.

John K. and Emeline (Killam) Bingham had:

- I. HEZEKIAH, b. 12 January, 1825, at Wheatland, N. Y.; deceased.



II. BENJAMIN, b. 28 Feb., 1827, at Scio, Mich.; m. Sarah Carr 14 Mar., 1852; deceased.

III. ELIZA ANN, b. 17 Jan., 1829, at Seio, Mich.; m. Dr. Charles W. Hawley 15 June, 1851; lives at Plainwell, Mich.

IV. EUNICE, b. 8 July, 1831, at Lima, Mich.; m. John Kimble, 9 April, 1851.

V. ELIZABETH, b. 25 March, 1834, at Lima; m. James McRoberts, 20 Sept., 1858; resides at Grand Rapids, Mich. .

VI. MOSES, b. 3 Sept., 1836, at Marshall, Mich.

VII. SARAH, b. 7 Dec., 1838, at Antwerp, Mich.; m. H. Bogardus, 1 Jan., 1857; resides at Dalton, Georgia.

VIII. MARY, b. 9 Feb., 1842, at Antwerp; m. Charles Newlands, 13 Sept., 1864; resides at Rutland, Mich.

IX.-X. RUTH and AMENZO P., both died young.

XI. CHARLES EDGAR, b. 28 Nov., 1848, at Gunn Plains; m. Hattie Ives.

John K. Bingham died at Oxford, Mich., 23 April, 1860.

Emeline Killam, his widow, died at the residence of her daughter Eliza, wife of Dr. Charles W. Hawley, at Plainwell, Mich., 4 April, 1898, aged 94 years.

ALFRED<sup>8</sup>, son of Benj.<sup>7</sup> T. Killam, went to Michigan Territory in 1827, and located a farm on government land in the town of Marengo, Calhoun county. In 1831 he visited his parents in Pennsylvania and, on his return to Michigan, was accompanied by his sister Lucy, who kept house for him until the date of his marriage.

Alfred<sup>8</sup> Killam and Frances Nordman were married at the residence of the bride's parents in the town of Lima, 17 May, 1835. Frances was daughter of Gotlob Nordman and was born at Berlin, Prussia, 12 October, 1806. Lewis<sup>9</sup>, the son of Alfred<sup>8</sup> Killam, furnished substantially the following statement relative to the Nordman ancestry:

The father of Gotlob Nordman, though not of royal blood, was a member of the titled nobility of Prussia. He was a man of wealth and large possessions in Berlin, and had numerous men-servants and women-servants in his employ. Gotlob Nordman, born about 1780, inherited a large estate from his father. Under King Frederick



Wilhelm III. Gotlob was appointed Governor of the Noblemen's Cadet at Berlin, the royal military academy of the realm, and thus became the instructor of the heir apparent, Wilhelm I, afterwards Emperor of Germany. When Berlin was besieged by the armies of Napolean, Gotlob became one of the Council of Twelve whom Frederick Wilhelm III. summoned to act as his military advisers. During the financial panic and political upheaval that followed, as a result of the war, Gotlob lost both his fortune and his office. One account states that his reverses were caused by the panic — another, that he had incurred the king's displeasure and was banished for political reasons. He then, in 1829, emigrated to America, taking with him his wife and four unmarried children, together with his personal effects, including a valuable library of scientific works. A married daughter remained in Berlin. He lived at Philadelphia for three years where he was a teacher of languages. In 1832 he emigrated to Michigan Territory and settled on a farm on section 29, in the town of Lima, Washtenaw county, where he passed the remainder of his days. Before his death he presented his valuable library to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. His two sons and two daughters married Americans and settled on farms near his own.

[Edward<sup>7</sup> Killam Preston (91) is a great-grandson of Gotlob Nordman.]

Alfred<sup>8</sup> and Frances (Nordman) Killam lived at Marengo, Mich., where they had:

- I. PHILANDER<sup>9</sup> B., b. 4 Aug., 1836.
- II. LEWIS<sup>9</sup> C., b. 9 Dec., 1837.
- III. HARVEY, b. 24 Sept., 1839; d. 6 Oct., 1843.
- IV. THUSENELDA, b. 17 Dec., 1841; m. David Bachman; d. 7 Feb., 1865.
- V. MARCUS<sup>9</sup> B., b. 29 April, 1844; enlisted, in 1862, in Co. A., 2d Batt. of 17th Regt., U. S. Infantry, Sykes' Division, Army of the Potomac. He was killed in the battle of Gettysburg, 2 July, 1863.
- VI. LUCY A., b. 25 Sept., 1847; m. B. T. K. Preston; d. 29 April, 1874.

Alfred<sup>8</sup> Killam died at Marshall, Mich., 2 Sept., 1853.  
Frances (Nordman) Killam died 15 April, 1861.



PHILANDER<sup>9</sup> B. KILLAM and Maggie Smith were married 16 May, 1857. They lived at Marengo., where they had:

I. ALFRED<sup>10</sup> A., b. 3 Jan., 1859; m. Carrie M. Beck, 30 Nov., 1879; lives at Carson, Mich.; had: Lee Killam, b. 17 Sept., 1884.

Maggie (Smith) Killam died 15 July, 1860.

Philander<sup>9</sup> B. married (2d) Martha B. Catlin, 16 March, 1864. Martha died 24 Dec., 1868.

Philander B. married (3d) Addie Mills, 22 Feb., 1871. They lived at Matherton, Mich., where they had:

II. WILLIAM<sup>10</sup> P., b. 8 Dec., 1872; m. Lottie Dodge, 15 June, 1893, and had: Buelah B., b. 18 Mar., 1896; d. 6 Mar., 1897.

III. MATTIE<sup>10</sup> B., b. 23 Nov., 1873; m. John D. Hamilton, 25 Aug., 1897.

IV. MARY<sup>10</sup> F., b. 31 March, 1875; m. Herbert F. Rice, 3 Oct., 1895; has daughter, Lucile.<sup>11</sup>

V. MILDRED<sup>10</sup>, b. 5 Sept., 1877; d. 12 April, 1878.

VI. ARTHUR<sup>10</sup> G., b. 11 Sept., 1880.

LEWIS<sup>9</sup> C., son of Alfred<sup>8</sup> and Frances Killam, married Lucinda M. Bryan., 20 Feb., 1866, at Marengo, Calhoun county, Mich. They settled at Moulton, Iowa, where they had:

I. FRANK<sup>10</sup> L., b. 8 Jan., 1869.

II. CORA BELLE, b. 4 Dec., 1870.

They also had: Grove S., Claude, and Mary, each of whom died during infancy.

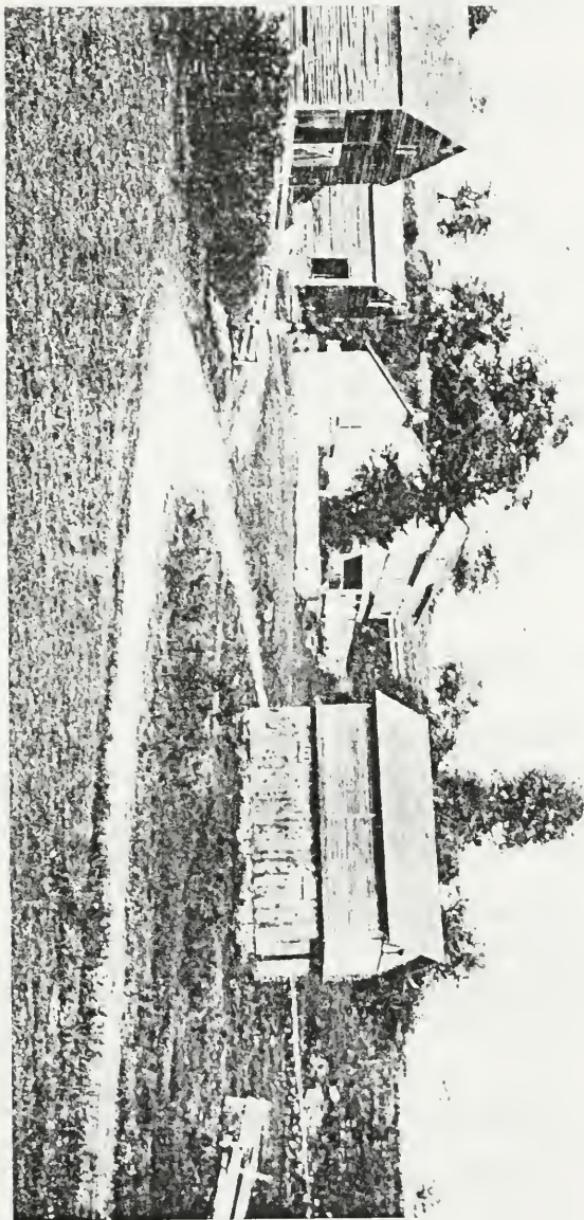
Lewis<sup>9</sup> C. Killam now resides at Tacoma, Washington.

ELIJAH<sup>8</sup>, son of Benj. T. and Elizabeth Killam, settled in the town of Lima, Washtenaw county, Mich., in 1833. He married Sarah Rockwell, by whom he had two sons and one daughter. They are reported to be living near their birth-place, but have failed to furnish copy of their family record.

Elijah died 18 April, 1851.

LUCY<sup>8</sup> WITTER, daughter of Benj.<sup>7</sup> T., and Elizabeth (Witter) Killam, remained with her parents at Paupac until she was nineteen years of age. In 1831 she accompanied her brother Alfred, to his home at Marengo, Mich., and kept house for him until his marriage





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## Killam Ancestry.

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in 1835. While visiting her sister, Mrs. Bingham, in the town of Lima, she met Mr. Bingham's assistant, the young surveyor, who was destined to become her future husband.

Lucy Witter Killam and Jacob Preston were married, 5 Jan., 1837.

Lucy W. died in the town of Freedom, Mich., 26 Feb. 1846. [See page 29.]

MARCUS<sup>8</sup> NAPOLEON BONAPARTE, youngest son of Benjamin T. and Elizabeth Killam, succeeded his father in the ownership of the homestead and the management of the lumber business at Paupac. He was a skillful marksman during his prime, and delighted in hunting big game. After the death of his mother, in 1872, he sold the old homestead on the river and bought a smaller farm about a mile to the eastward, where he still resides with his family. He married (first) Olive Kimball 20 April, 1845, she died 19 July, 1847. He married (second) Nancy Jane Bennett 19 June, 1848. Marcus N. B. and Nancy J. Killam had:

*Marcus N. B. Killam died at Paupac, Penn 24 July, 1902*

- I. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN<sup>9</sup>, b. 4 July, 1849.
- II. OLIVE ELIZABETH<sup>10</sup>, b. 19 Nov., 1850.
- III. ALFRED<sup>9</sup> K., b. 27 July, 1853.
- IV. ESTHER BENNETT, b. 30 June, 1855. She is unmarried and resides with her parents at Paupac.

BENJAMIN F<sup>9</sup>, son of Marcus N. B. and Nancy Killam, is a lawyer and farmer and resides at Scranton, Penn. He married Frances E. Hollister 27 Sept., 1871. They have three daughters:

- I. EMALENE<sup>10</sup>, b. 9 May, 1874; m. Dr. Edson M. Green, 28 April, 1898.
- II. YOLLAND<sup>10</sup> ADELENE, b. at Paupac 3 June, 1883.
- III. FRANCES<sup>10</sup> MARIE, b. at Paupac, 12 Aug., 1892.

OLIVE E<sup>9</sup>, eldest daughter of Marcus N. B. and Nancy Killam, married Samuel E. Edgar 13 Dec., 1871. She died at Scranton 6 June, 1883.

Samuel E. and Olive E. Edgar had:

- I. MARCUS KILLAM EDGAR, b. 21 November, 1872; resides at Scranton.
- II. ANNA FLORENCE EDGAR, b. 30 Sept., 1875; married Sylvester Tillson; resides at Rochester, N. Y.



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an old and high  
izen of Paupack, died at  
te residence last Thursday morn-  
ng, aged about 87 years. Deceased had  
been in feeble health for nearly a year,  
but was not considered dangerously ill  
until two days prior to his death.

Mr. Killam was a worthy representa-  
tive of one of the oldest and most prom-  
inent families in Pike county, its various  
members having won for the name an  
enviable distinction by their intelligence  
and worth.

This family is of English extraction  
and their ancestry can be traced back  
to 1637, in which year Austin Killam and  
wife sailed from England and settled in  
Salem, Mass. From their son John  
sprang the branches to which Marcus be-  
longed. John was one of the first set-  
tlers in Preston, Conn. Zaddock, a son of  
John was one of the very first farmers in  
Pike county. He lived in a cabin near  
the old Wallenpaupack fort, a crude con-  
struction built for protection against the  
Indians. Moses, son of Zaddock, was  
paternal grandfather to the subject of  
this sketch. He was a native of Connec-  
ticut and when a young man settled in  
Palmyra township, Pike county, where he  
became prominent in politics and busi-  
ness. Benjamin T. Killam a son of  
Moses Killam Jr., was the father of Mar-  
cus. He was born in Pike county, where  
he spent his entire life engaging in farm-  
ing upon the lands cleared by the Indians  
along the flats of the Paupack river and  
later in life devoted his attention exten-  
sively to lumbering. He was also a local  
minister of the Methodist Episcopal  
church and his hospitality to all denom-  
inations was well known throughout  
Wayne and Pike counties and distinguish-  
ed him as an earnest Christian worker.

He married one Elizabeth Witter who  
gave birth to our worthy subject, M. N.  
B. Killam. She is said to be the first  
white child born in Wayne or Pike coun-  
ties. Her parents were driven from their  
home about the time of the Wyoming  
Massacre.

The subject of our sketch was born in  
Paupack township Feb. 6, 1815, where  
he spent his entire life. He was twice  
married. His first wife was Miss Olive  
Kimbler, who died in 1847. One daughter  
was born to them but she died in 1861.



of that place. Mr. Pierce has expressed a willingness to pay taxes on the real and personal properties belonging to him, but denies absolutely that the fish are taxable. The authorities are anxious to have him pay the taxes, and then bring suit for the recovery of the amount, but this he has refused to do.

Legal opinions obtained by Mr. Pierce unite in the conclusion that there is no precedent for the collection of these taxes. Even in England, where the protection of fish and game against poachers is a well established act in jurisprudence, there is said to be no precedent that fits the present case, while, under the laws of Wisconsin, there is said to be no justification whatever for the levying of taxes on live fish.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

#### Scotch "Drip Stone."

Years ago a Scotch great grandpa brought to America a piece of sand rock that some persons thought was intended for a grindstone. What caused them to think so was not because it was round, but on the upper side it was hollowed out like a saucer, and the other side had a small projection like a chocolate drop in shape and size. Soon this was discovered to be what is termed a "drip stone," and when set in a shady place and the saucer side filled with water, will deliver crystal pure and cold drops from the other side. The water is absolutely clean and pure as the result of this homely process, and in summer would be a delight. It is much better to drink such water than ordinary ice water and the idea was originally taken from the Orientals, no doubt. The method, while primitive, is quaintly pleasant to observe in action, and a charming adjunct to any household, however modern.—*New York Press.*

#### A Monarch's Desire.

The late King of Saxony, who had a rooted objection to exchanging his old clothes for new ones, is said to have one day sighed for "the good time the old knights had in their armor. They were troubled with no creases."

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Sylvester and Florence E. Tillson had:

- I. MARK D. TILLSON, b. 1886.

ALFRED<sup>9</sup>, youngest son of Marcus N. B. and Nancy B. Killam, married Lizzie Wallace 10 Feb., 1880. They reside on a farm at Paupac and had:

- I. MARCUS<sup>10</sup> ALFRED KILLAM, b. 5 Nov., 1885.

- II. RUTH KILLAM, b. 6 May, 1890.

POLLY<sup>8</sup>, youngest daughter of Benjamin T. and Elizabeth Witter Killam, married James Van Camp, Aug., 1888.

Polly (Killam) Van Camp died 26 April, 1895.

James and Polly Van Camp owned and occupied a farm at Salem, Penn., where they had:

- I. MARY ELIZABETH, b. 20 Aug., 1839; m. A. J. Van Gorder.

- II. MARCUS AURELIUS, b. Feb., 1841; m. Ellen Sheerer.

III. ADELAIDE, b. 7 Mar., 1844; married; had three children; d. 1888.

- IV. JAMES WILSON, b. 14 April, 1846; m. Angeline Whitley, 1865.

- V. OLIVE ANN, b. 5 Nov., 1848; m. Wm. Swartz.

- VI. EMMARETTA, b. 23 July, 1853; m. John Hornbaker.

Mary Elizabeth Van Camp and A. J. Van Gorder were married January, 1861. They resided at Salem, Penn., where they had:

- I. LYDIA, (deceased).

II. ARTHUR, b. 1 Feb., 1864. He is a photographer at Scranton, Penn.

- III. EDITH, b. June, 1868; m. C. F. Crampton, 1898.

- IV. MYRTLE IRENE, b. 25 Sept., 1879.

MOSES<sup>7</sup>, son of Moses<sup>6</sup> and Mary Killam, married Lucy Kimble. They resided at Paupac, where they had:

- I. DANIEL<sup>8</sup>, b. Feb., 1809; m. Margaret Rhoebucher.

- II. IRENE, m. Amsi Woodward; had three children.

- III. BENJAMIN<sup>8</sup>, m. Mary Ann Quick; had three sons.

- IV. RUSH<sup>8</sup>, m. Ada Kimble; had one son and three daughters.

V. EPHRIAM<sup>8</sup>, b. 1819; m. (first) Catherine Nash, by whom he had three children; m. (second) Martha Nash (widow), by whom he had eight children, all of Paupac, Penn.

[Ephriam<sup>2</sup> wrote an unpublished history of Paupac.]



- VI. ESTHER, m. Wm. Conklin; lived in Wayne Co., Penn.; had three children.
- VII. CHRISTINE ANN, m. Joseph Gibson; lived in Ill.
- VIII. MILCENIE; m. Arthur Kimble; childless.
- IX. EUNICE; m. Chester Arthur; childless.
- X. MARGARET; by second husband, McComb; had one son.
- XI. AUGUSTA; unmarried.
- XII. GEORGE N.; m. Josephine Kimble; resides at Paupac; has five sons and one daughter.

Daniel<sup>8</sup>, eldest son of Moses<sup>7</sup> and Lucy Killam, was a wholesale merchant in New York City, where he died in 1898. He married Margaret Rhoebucher, by whom he had a daughter, Addie, a musician, known to the public as Addie Worth.



## HINDS ANCESTRY.

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The first ancestor of the Hinds family in America was a native of France. He settled in that portion of Mississippi which was afterwards set off and organized into Hinds county. His son, Samuel Hinds, was born about 1780, in a fort in Hinds county, Miss. Samuel married — —, and settled in Wayne Co., Kentucky, where he had: Samuel Jr., James, John, Smith, Thomas, William, Sally, Martha, Adeline, Fingal and Hiram Magee.

Hiram Magee Hinds was born 22 Oct., 1814.

Elvira Kidd was born in Wayne Co., Ky., 12 Oct., 1818.

HIRAM M. HINDS and Elvira Kidd were married 23 Oct., 1837. They owned and occupied a farm near Glasgow, Barren county, Kentucky, where they had:

- I. JOHN W., b. 17 Feb., 1840; m. Rosa, adopted dau. of Geo. W. and Phœbe A. Kidd.
- II. LOUISA J., b. 9 July, 1841; m. Richard W. Tully.
- III. FINGAL S., b. 17 March, 1846; m. Augusta Manaing.
- IV. MAGGIE H., b. 8 March, 1848; m. Edward M. Preston.
- V. SAMUEL J., b. 22 — —, 1850; m. Jennie Wing.
- VI. MARY E., b. 6 Feb., 1854; m. (1st) E. A. McCloud; (2d) B. F. Thomas.
- VII. PHŒBE A., b. 26 Feb., 1858; m. Joseph M. Rose.

Mr. Hinds, although a resident of a slave State, was not a slave owner. He settled on a tract of wild land among the "barrens," that is, valley land, destitute of timber. His dwelling was located near Barren Fork, a branch of Green river, about thirty miles south of the Mammoth Cave. In 1860 Mr. Hinds sold his farm and, accompanied by his family, emigrated across the plains and settled in Nevada City, California, where he was afterwards engaged as a melter and assayer of gold bullion for the bank owned by Capt. Geo. W. Kidd. Mrs. Hinds was a sister of Captain Kidd. They were natives of Kentucky, and of Scotch descent. Captain Kidd was one



of the early settlers of Nevada City, where he owned a large interest in the "Gold Tunnel" quartz mine, which laid the foundation of his fortune. He was owner and captain of the steamer "Washoe," which carried passengers and freight between Sacramento and San Francisco on the Sacramento river. During the great flood at Sacramento in 1861-2, the steamer "Washoe," under command of Capt. Kidd, was instrumental in saving many people and valuable property in the flooded districts. In later years Capt. Kidd resided at Stockton, where he conducted a bank and a fruit ranch. He finally settled at in Francisco, where he died 22 April, 1879.

H. M. Hinds and family resided at Nevada City for seventeen years. In 1877, he and his wife moved to Fresno, Cal., where they occupied a fruit ranch owned by their son, John.

Elvira Kidd, wife of H. M. Hinds, died at Fresno, 24 Oct., 1883, and was buried at San Jose.

Mr. Hinds spent his declining years with his daughter, Phebe, and her husband, J. M. Rose, on their farm at Griswold, Shary's Island, Washington, where he died 20 July, 1894, aged 80 years.



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		m. Nathan Kendall.					
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	29. Amanda	1801-1851.		78. Edward Myers	1841-		
		m. Lt. Ed. Litchfield.			m. Maggie H. Binds.		
		1799-1880.			1848-1889.		
	30. Alvah	1802-1862.		79. Marcus Killam	1843		
		m. Olive Litchfield.			m. Anna E. Hawley.		
		1807-1846.			1853-		
	31. Roswell	1804-1877.					
		m. Frances Hurlbert.					
		1817-1882.					
	32. Mary	1806-1833.					
		m. Edmund Comins.					
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	33. William	1808-1882.					
		m. Angeline Raymond.					
		1810-1883.					
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		m. Richard Ayers.			(By adoption)		
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				33	Charles	34	m. Frances Hurlbert	83	
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				36	Sarah	37	Lucy Ann	86	
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				38		39	m. Elizur Kilham	88	
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37.	Mary Ann Kendall. 1824-1850.	m. Gilbert E. States.	38.	Caroline B. Kendall. 1825-1854.	39.	Chloe <sup>7</sup> Preston. 1799-1841.	m. Nathaniel Kendall. 1801-1861.	40.	Harriet Kendall. 1827- m. George Peckards	41.	Preston N. Kendall 1829-1848.	42.	Charles Kendall. 1835-	43.	Wm. Royal Litchfield. 1822-1852	m. Esther Cook.	44.	Alvah Preston Litchfield 1824-1855.	m. Almira Boyd.	45.	Olive Litchfield. 1836- m. Wm. Dickinson.	46.	Amelia <sup>7</sup> Preston. 1801-1851.	m. T. F. D. Litchfield. 1799-1850.	47.	Foster Litchfield. 1834- m. Lucy Smith.	48.	Elias Litchfield. 1834- m. Banaline Cadwell.	49.	DeForest M. Litchfield. 1826- m. Emma Bates.
50.	James Alvah 1831- m. Sarah Jane Clarity. 1836- 1856-	51.	Alvah <sup>7</sup> Preston. 1802-1862 m. Olive Litchfield. 1807-1856.	52.	James Fred 1855-	53.	John Riley 1832- m. Adelclade C. Vente. 1852-	54.	Bell. 1872-																					
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**M**ISS ALICE GARDNER'S engagement is announced. The young man to be congratulated is Dr. Meyers Alfred Preston, son of ex-Senator Preston of Nevada City. This information comes in the nature of a surprise to those who did not enjoy Miss Gardner's confidence, but who were awaiting cards for her coming-out tea.

The bride-elect graduated from Miss Head's school at Christmas time, and before that she was a pupil at Mills Seminary. After the school days were finished Miss Gardner was to have a brilliant social career—at least, that was the plan of the devoted family—but not long after the happy girl graduate returned to her home at 605 Baker street she became more interested in the devoted attentions of Dr. Preston than in society and the engagement followed, so that a formal social debut need not be expected. Arrangements are being made for a large wedding in June at Grace Episcopal Church. Owing to the decided popularity of the young couple a great many friends will probably be present and an elaborate wedding is expected. Some very dainty presents have already been received from intimate acquaintances.

Miss Gardner will make a charming bride. She has a number of personal attractions, in addition to being thoroughly well bred and liberally educated. She is the daughter of Charles F. Gardner, the prominent attorney, and a niece of Dr. Gardner, the well-known physician.

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## Engagement Is Announced of a Physician and a Popular and Accomplished Girl of San Francisco.

At an informal tea given yesterday by Miss Nelle Lyons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lyons of 2120 Central avenue, the engagement was announced of Miss Alice M. Gardner and Dr. Myers Albert Preston.

Miss Gardner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gardner of 603 Baker street. She is a remarkably pretty young woman, highly accomplished.

Dr. Preston is a graduate of Cooper Medical College and is the son of ex-Senator E. M. Preston of Nevada City.

The date of the wedding has not been set, but it will probably take place in June.

The Lyons home was charmingly decorated for the engagement tea and the affair was most pleasant. Among the guests were: Mrs. Samuel Crim, Mrs. Fred Cartwright, Mrs. Burton Hullings, Miss Nelle Carpenter, Miss Minnie Evans, Miss Allison Carpenter, Miss Cornelia Myer, Miss Florence Duggan, Miss Florence Pippy, Miss Lyons and Miss Virginia Poltz of New York.

The Lyons tea will be followed by numerous similar functions given by Miss Gardner's friends in her honor. She has been the recipient of many beautiful engagement cups and added quite a few to her collection at Miss Lyons' tea.

Small white blossoms decked the round

four ladies.

## SOCIAL EVENTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Gardner of 603 Baker street, San Francisco, announce the engagement of their daughter Alice to Dr. Myers Albert Preston also of San Francisco, formerly of Nevada City. The young lady is a native of Sacramento, where the greater portion of her life was spent. She is the eldest daughter of Charles F. Gardner, an attorney and Secretary of the West Side Lumber Company and who for ten years was Receiver of Public Moneys in Sacramento. Miss Gardner's early education was received here and later she entered Mills College and Miss Head's school at Berkeley, having graduated from the latter at Christmas time. She is a charming young lady with a vivacity of manner that has endeared her to her many friends, who will rejoice at her good fortune. Dr. Preston is a graduate of the University of California and of Cooper's Medical College. He now holds a responsible position in the Crocker, Woolworth National Bank of San Francisco, having inherited a taste for the banking business from his father, Senator E. M. Preston of Nevada City, this State, who for many years has been the President of the Citizens' Bank of that city.



*Ann Arbor.* April 10, 1902.

Honorable E. K. Preston,  
Nevada City, California.

Dear Sir:—

I send you the Preston documents to-day by express as you desired me to do. I wished to consult the President of the University before doing so, since as he was out of town when your letter came, some delay was caused. You can take your time to make such copies of the papers as you desire to make. I find that these papers were given to Mr. H. D. Bennett, Steward of the University, by Mr. Jacob Preston, of Grass Lake, and by Mr. Bennett placed in my hands as librarian for safe keeping in the University Library May 31, 1879.

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I have to thank you on behalf of the library for the copy of the Preston Genealogy. You have made it quite intelligible to the general reader, which is not true of all genealogies. It has much in it of interest to the people of Ann Arbor and vicinity. I will be glad if you will send me a post card when the parcel is received.

Yours truly,

Almon C. Ward

Librarian.

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Ann Arbor, March 28, 1902

Dear Sir:

Mr. Marquis H. Preston of Grass Lake called on me yesterday to see if certain Preston manuscripts in this Library would be put at your service for some genealogical work that you are doing. The papers are ten in number, as follows:

1. J. Preston appointed surveyor, by Jonathan Trumbull 1777
2. " " " Lieutenant " 1718
3. Deed. J. Preston to J. Preston Jr. 1764
4. Deed. Jno. Chandler to Josk. Chandler, 1731
5. Deed. Josk. Chandler to Josk. Chandler 1749
6. Deed. Wm. & Sam. Chandler to Jno Abbott, 1754
7. Deed. Josk. Chandler to Moses Chandler, 1756
8. Deed. Sam. Chandler to Phil. Eastman, 1757
9. Deed. Jno. Chandler to Theophilus Chandler, 1758
10. Deed. Josk. Chandler to Rev. Barker and wife Elizabeth.

Can we suffice for you such smaller as you need or will it be necessary for you to examine the books themselves? The only specimen



to sending this to you as of course the  
danger of loss in transmission. Kindly let  
me know what the necessities of the case  
are.

Very truly yours

Hon T. M. Preston      Raymond Q. Davis  
Secretary



Ann Arbor, May 10, 1902

G. M. Preston, Esq.

Dear Sir: I am  
today in receipt of the Mr. Preston  
Documents loaned to you, in good  
condition.

I am very glad we had these  
papers and that we were so ready  
thind to you.

In regard to suggestions for the  
Preston Genealogy I shall be glad  
to make any that occur to me. But,  
as I think I said to you, I am im-  
pressed by the care with which one  
and follows the generations as you  
had arranged them and the general clear-  
ness of your matter. Often we books of  
this kind it is hard to understand



I am very glad that circumstances  
have made me acquainted with you  
sincerely yours,

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Southbridge, Mass., ~~Book Box 23, 1880, 22 October, 1881.~~ <sup>19 Oct.</sup>  
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Part F. Litchfield Litchfield, Immigrant, Immigrant, and their descendants.



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In 1820, Deacon Israel Litchfield of Seabrook prepared a chart (in the form of a roughly-drawn tree) of 110 families of Litchfields. Mr. Morse refers to this in his genealogy. Copies of this "tree" are in existence, and some are much more beautifully drawn. The original drawing has disappeared temporarily if not permanently. Recently A. A. Vinal of Norwell prepared a very good chart (not a "tree"), bringing many of the generations to the present time, but this is neither complete nor free from error. There are other charts owned by or in the possession of various branches of the family. Mrs. Ellen S. (Litchfield) Willard of Medfield Hill-side, Mass., owns a beautifully drawn Litchfield "tree," which has been photographed. This is practically the same as the Deacon Israel Litchfield "tree." In various town and family histories may be found short accounts of branches of the Litchfield family, i.e., Deane's History of Seabrook (Mass.) [1851, reprinted], Barry's History of Hanover (Mass.), Farmer's Register, History of Springfield (Vt.), History of Hingham (Mass.), Eaton's History of Thomaston, etc. (Me.), and a few others. None of these are satisfactory or complete.

"Lawrence Litchfield" (as his name is spelled on the Plymouth Colony Records) was a resident of Barnstable, Mass., in 1633, and died in Seabrook, Mass., ~~Aug.~~ 1650. His wife was ~~very~~ probably Judith Allen; she survived her husband, and Oct. 2, 1650, married William Peakes, the name of whose descendants, I propose also to search out (to some extent already done) and place in print. Lawrence Litchfield (as his name is commonly spelled) had four children, viz., (1) Experience, a son, who died, (without issue), Aug. 1, 1673, from the result of an accident; (2) Remondentia, a daughter, born at Seabrook, Feb. 15, 1646 (according to Seabrook town records), who may have married a John Coven or a Bartlett; (3) Josiah, a son, born at Seabrook, Apr. 3, 1647, whose wife was Sarah Baker and who became the father, by her, of seven (7) children, whose descendants, it is the main purpose of the undersigned to record in this present history. The recorded number of these descendants is, at the present time, approximately, 6,000, with very many more to be learned from.

Of the birth place, parentage and ancestry of Lawrence Litchfield, nothing positive is at present known. Edward Hubbard Litchfield, Brooklyn, N. Y., has endeavored, through the expenditure of much money and time in research work by himself and leading experts, to find out whence and how Lawrence Litchfield came to this country, but he reports very little definite result. The Litchfield family is particularly noted for its contributions to the cause of American liberty. There are and have been many of the name living in England, some of whose descendants have come within a century to America; these may escape, in many instances, known to and will be recorded by the undersigned, who asks all such persons to send their names and family data to him. The supposed family crest-ancestor is described as follows: Per chevron sable and argent in chief three leopards' faces; the crest: An arm in armor, embowed, in hand, a sword proper; the motto: Semper pugnare paratus (Always prepared for battle).

The "L" in the present spelling of the family name is an interloper. Not until the middle of the 18th century did this extra letter appear; the spelling of the name should be as it is found in England, i.e., Litchfield, which, derived from two Anglo-Saxon words, means the "field of dead bodies," as applied to the place in England where a large number suffered martyrdom in the time of Diocletian. The city of Litchfield, Eng., and the town of Litchfield, Ct., have no ancestral connection with this family. Litchfield, Ill., was named for Edwin C. Litchfield, a prominent railroad operator.

Very little is known at present concerning the life of Lawrence Litchfield. He became, in 1640, a member of that military organization, now called the "Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. of Boston," and it is supposed that he rendered much aid to the struggling colony in civil and military life. He fought bravely with the Indians and as a soldier, set an excellent example before his descendants. It is a matter of real pride to say that in no struggle in behalf of civil or religious liberty in this country, on land or sea, has the name of Litchfield been absent from the roll of honor. Naturally of a peaceful temperament and preferring the quiet of the home to the noise of contest, yet, when loyalty and true manhood have been called into action, the Litchfields, "always prepared for battle," have been at the post of duty. From the earliest struggles in the French and Indian wars to our latest conflict in the Philippines, a representative number of this family has shared in the strife and victories. The family is not distinguished as a family, nor has it produced any world-famous man or woman. It has been an honest, industrious, home-loving, law-abiding, God-fearing race of people, and as such, may stand on equal footing with the best in the land. Whatever may have been its ancestry across the seas, in this country it has shown itself to be of the true aristocracy which makes for righteousness. The family has produced a few notable men and women, who in legislative halls, on fields of battle, in civil and ecclesiastical offices, in the departments of literature and science, and the world of commerce and finance, have reflected honor upon it. One of its most distinguished members was Franklin Litchfield, M. D., a graduate of Harvard in 1810, (a son of Rev. Paul Litchfield), a famous physician in the West Indies and U. S. consul at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, for twenty years. He married into a distinguished Venezuelan family and was the personal friend of Simon Bolivar, the "Washington" of South America and helped him in gaining its independence. This was at the beginning of the present century. Within a few months, the undersigned has entered into correspondence with descendants of Dr. Franklin Litchfield, who are all born in Venezuela and who, as a family, neither speak nor write English. A sketch of this family is being prepared for the history.

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